

# LETTER PROVES DOOMED NEGRO WAS FRAMED

## Police Refuse to Act on Confession

### AFL to Demand Pay Hikes in '50

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The American Federation of Labor announced tonight its unions will seek "substantial" wage increases next year and strongly hinted the final figure will be more than 10 cents an hour.

The AFL said most employers could give raises of from seven to 15 cents an hour and still keep prices at or near present levels.

The AFL also warned that the nation faces "another business readjustment" in 1950.

"Wages must be raised without causing a general increase in living costs," it added.

The AFL said that even if every worker in the nation received a 10-cents-an-hour wage increase, it still wouldn't be enough to bring consumer purchasing power to levels the AFL believes necessary for a continuing healthy economy.

Thus, it said, wage increases in 1950 must be "substantial" and "large."

The AFL said the threat of a new business setback is a challenge for labor, management and government.

"Free enterprise faces a test in 1950," it said.

#### 1950 OUTLOOK

The AFL said the business outlook is "bright" for the first half of 1950 but "doubtful" for the last six months.

It predicted unemployment will average 5,100,000 throughout the year with the jobless total running "considerably above 5,000,000 during dull industrial seasons." It said business probably will go into a slump after June unless consumer buying power is strengthened by higher wages and lower prices. The AFL said the program should provide:

- Wage increases without price increases.
- "A gradual price decline."
- "Continued spending by business to improve equipment." It said this would "maintain employment and increase productivity."
- A general reduction "in the many taxes paid by consumers."

The AFL said it was willing to "cooperate with management to reduce production costs."

By Mel Fiske

GLEN BURNIE, Md., Dec. 26.—The frameup conviction of a 23-year-old Negro sugar refinery worker on charges of murdering a young white couple was shot to pieces today by a letter confessing the crime. The letter was signed by two Tennesseans. The frameup of Tom Edwards was first exposed on Nov. 29, 1948, by the Daily Worker which recounted a seven-week campaign of police terrorism in the Negro community here to find a Negro on which to pin the charge of slaying Mary Kline, 18, and John Mahlan, 25.

Anne Arundel county's police, who held Edwards incommunicado for four days before announcing a "confession" from the youth, said they would make no effort to examine the anonymous letter nor hunt for its writer.

Edwards' attorneys William J. McWilliams and R. P. Melvin, Jr., received the letter Thursday. It had been mailed from Baltimore the same day. Signed merely "Tennesseans" the one page letter began:

"I am writing to let you both know that the Negro Edwards did not kill Mary Klein (sic) and Johnny Mahlan."

The writer of the letter named a "Jack" as his "Buddy" (sic) and said they had arranged dates with Miss Klein and another girl. "We were to meet them where Johnny and Mary Klein were killed," the letter related.

#### DRIVEN BY FRIEND

"They were to be in a car driven by Mary's friend," the letter continued. "When we got there, Mary was with Johnny. A fight was started. John slug my pal in the jaw. A pistol, a German Luger, was used on Johnny. Mary screamed. We both were scared. Mary was shot because she said that (she) was going to tell the police."

"Jack father," the letter continued, "says not to tell anyone because we both would be hanged. If you promise me by writing a statement in one of the papers in Nashville, Tenn., that we will not be hang-

ed or sent to prison for life, we both will come back to Baltimore. Are leaving Balto. for Christmas.

"You will find the pistol in the river under the bridge in Annapolis. Pray for us not the Negro," the letter concluded. ....

Edwards, sentenced to death by a three-judge court last February is now in the Maryland penitentiary in Baltimore, awaiting his appeal to the Maryland Supreme Court. Argument on the appeal is slated to be heard within the next few weeks.

#### LYNCH THREATS

His conviction was ordered on the basis of a "confession" presented by police. On the witness stand, Edwards said three shifts of police officials hammered away at him for three days and nights.

Edwards described lynch threats made by police against him and his family. He said a policeman stood over him shaping a noose with his hands. He related scare stories spread by a police stoolpigeon in the adjoining cell. He said police beat him over the head with a rubber hose. It was like being "in a bull pasture with all the bulls' horns coming at you," he told the judges.

Edwards said Chief John H. Souers of the Anne Arundel county police showed pictures of the bodies and the car in which they were found and repeated over and over his theory of the manner in which the crime was committed.

The defense appeal to the State Supreme Court is based primarily on the

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## Israeli Communist Warns of Abdullah Threat

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# Israeli Communist Warns of Abdullah Threat

Meir Vilner, Communist member of the Israeli Parliament, called for a policy of aid to the UN Trusteeship Council to stave off the menace of the Abdullah-Bevin legion, both in the old city of Jerusalem and in the Arab sector of Palestine. The Communist spokesman, speaking during a recent Israeli Parliament debate on Jerusalem, also urged aid by Israel to democratic forces in establishing an independent state in the other part of Palestine.

Israel dare not recognize the right of the presence of Abdullah-Bevin in the old city of Jerusalem and in the Arab sector of Palestine—the very same Abdullah who endangers the peace of Jerusalem and who threatens the entire Jewish state, Vilner said.

Vilner proposed:

- Parliament should stand on guard to ensure that, in any final solution of the Jerusalem question, the historic and living ties of the Jewish people in Israel with Jerusalem shall be taken into consideration.

- Parliament shall declare Israel's policy of non-recognition of Abdullah, British agent in the old city of Jerusalem and in the Arab sector of Palestine.

At a time when the Jordan-British aggressor endangers Jerusalem and the state of Israel, our government supports every undertaking of the UN to remove the Jordan-British military from Jerusalem and from all of Palestine as the most effective way to secure peace, independence, security and freedom as

well as the friendship and brotherly relations between Jews and Arabs in Palestine and in all of the Middle East.

- Parliament expresses its sympathy for the struggles of the Arab masses in the Arab sector of Palestine and its support for the creation of an independent and democratic, peace-loving and friendly-to-Israel state.

- The UN decision to place an independent authority over the citizens of Jerusalem under the auspices of the Trusteeship Council thereby creates the condition for a final solution on the basis of the free choice of the citizens of Jerusalem which shall be in accord with the interests of peace. It means in fact to remove and expel the Jordan-British aggressors who menace the se-

curity of the Jews of Jerusalem, and to nullify the attempts to transform the other sector of Palestine into a base for imperialist aggression.

Vilner said in part:

We believe that with this deeper and more far-reaching perspective we will be able to insure our ties with Jerusalem, the removal of imperialist aggressors and the creation of Arab-Jewish friendship in Palestine and in the Middle East. For without this friendship of peoples, peace is impossible and so is the independence of Israel and of its neighbors.

For Jerusalem, many of the best sons of our Yishuv gave their blood. But among the factors that led to our vic-

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## Parliament of Israel Meets In Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, Dec. 26.—The Israeli Knesset—Parliament—met in Jerusalem today for the first time since the Holy City was proclaimed the "eternal" capital, despite United Nations plans to internationalize it.

Speaker Joseph Sprinzak opened the meeting with three sharp raps of his gavel at 4 p.m.

Only routine business was on the calendar for the opening session.

Soon after Parliament met it was announced that Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion had finished moving his office here from Tel Aviv, along with all documents and personnel.

Four hundred-odd persons, including the 129 members of the Parliament who were elected 11 months ago, crowded into the rectangular assembly hall on the top floor of the three-story Jewish Agency building for today's meeting. Carpenters and electricians had worked until well after dawn to get the hall ready. Canvas covered trucks rolled up to the white stone building until the last minute, bringing parliamentary records from Tel Aviv, the "temporary" capital which now is to be abandoned.

Chief rabbis and others were among those who were able to get tickets for the meeting. Foreign diplomats remained in Tel Aviv, however, for fear their attendance might imply at least informal recognition of Jerusalem as the capital.

The Jewish Agency building is in the "new Jewish-held part of Jerusalem which has been proclaimed the capital. Hashemite Jordan holds the old inner city. The Agency building is a quarter-mile from the ancient stone wall of the old city.

The first meeting of the Israeli Parliament was held in the Jewish Agency building last February, but meetings were soon transferred to Tel Aviv.

### Truman Gives Away Statue Given Him

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., Dec. 26.—President Truman today presented a statue of Andrew Jackson to Jackson County in a ceremony on Courthouse Square here. The statue had been given him by its sculptor, Charles Keck of New York.

## Jobless Pay Claims Up 50% in State

Claims for jobless pay in New York State averaged nearly half a million for the first nine months of 1949, State Commerce Commissioner Harold Keller said in a report issued over the week-end.

Keller's report revealed that average unemployment insurance payments were 486,141 through September, as compared with 328,624 in the same months last year. This is a jump of nearly 160,000, or close to 50 percent.

"The decline in manufacturing employment was less than it was in the United States as a whole," Keller's report declared smugly.

About 100,000 of the 160,000 average increase in jobless pay claims come from upstate, and the remainder from New York City. Unemployment generally is figured at about a third to a half greater than the number receiving unemployment insurance.

## Call Mao Visit To Moscow Aid To World Peace

HONG KONG, Dec. 26.—The Chinese People's Republic radio said today that the visit of chairman Mao Tse-tung to Moscow will "strike terror into the hearts of the imperialists."

The broadcast said Mao's visit was of "great encouragement to the cause of liberation of the peoples throughout Asia" and predicted Mao's meeting with Premier Josef Stalin would "further strengthen the world peace camp."

Peking radio said the Chinese people had greeted news of the Mao visit with joy.

The broadcast reported the signing of a post and tele-communications agreement between the Chinese People's Republic and the North Korean government to help "cement friendly relations" between the two.

## EINSTEIN ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF THEORY

Prof. Albert Einstein yesterday disclosed that he has completed a new theory to explain the universe.

The famous, 70-year-old scientist first announced his theory of mass and energy in 1905. He calls the new theory "generalized theory of gravitation," and it is designed to bring together under one understandable formula all known physical phenomena.

News that his new theory had been completed after 30 years of work was made by Princeton University Press at a press conference with science writers here to report the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science which runs through this week.

The new theory will be carried as a final chapter to a new edition of Einstein's book, "The Meaning

of Relativity" to be published in February.

While Einstein's new hypothesis is known as "generalized theory of gravitation," a spokesman for the University Press said it was his definitive "unified field theory" which sets forth in one series of equations the laws governing two fundamental forces of the universe—gravitation and electromagnetism.

Einstein himself sent word he has not yet tried out his theory in experiments.

He said: "Due to mathematical difficulties, I have not yet found a practical way to confront the results of the theory with experimental evidence."

The original paper was written in German, but Einstein has approved an English translation.

## Judge Frees Bond of Georgia CP Leader

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 26.—Superior Court Judge Virlyn B. Moore ordered the \$5,000 peace bond held against Homer B. Chase, chairman of the Communist Party in Georgia, dissolved and the money refunded.

Judge Moore said that successive court terms had gone by and no application for renewal of the bond had been made.

The peace bond was granted Evans Wilder, of Cartersville, Ga., last June on some of the weirdest evidence ever heard in any court room. The white supremacist press devoted column after column to the slanders of Wilder. The press efforts have boomeranged to some degree since nothing more has been heard of Wilder.

Chase has spent five days in jail in an unsuccessful effort to have the bond reduced. The national office of the CRC then put up the bond.

## City's Water Drops Again

New York City's two-thirds empty water reservoirs lost 103,000,000 more gallons during Sunday's 24 hours, Chief Water Engineer Edward J. Clark said yesterday.

But he said rain and mild weather probably would rebuild supplies a little.

Clark reported a gain of 163,000,000 gallons in the slim water reserves Sunday. Yesterday they measured 34.5 percent of capacity.

He said city officials would study figures tomorrow and decide whether to ask New Yorkers to observe another "dry Friday." They also will discuss Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's suggestion that the city tap lower Roundout Creek at High Falls, N. Y., as a water source, Clark said.

## Syria's President Quits in Crisis

DAMASCUS, Syria, Dec. 26 (UP).—Premier-designate Nazem el Koudsi today abandoned his efforts to form a new government for troubled Syria, and President Hashem el Atassy, who was elected only two weeks ago, promptly announced his resignation.

## Davis Honors Washington at Last Rites

Hundreds of comrades and co-workers of Lawrence "Larry" Washington, led by Councilman Benjamin J. Davis and trade union and political leaders, paid their last respects yesterday to the 35-year-old Harlem Communist leader who died last Wednesday.

Speaking from a flower-banked rostrum in Imperial Elks auditorium, 160 W. 129 St., Davis, choked with emotion, said that young Washington typified the young Negro worker who remained steadfast in his "loyalty to the Negro people and to the working class."

Davis told the hushed capacity audience how "Larry" had spent more than 15 years of his life contributing to the building of the Communist Party which will one day help to bring our country into the with democratic and socialist

developments throughout the world.

The Communist Party, Davis said, would "draw the full lesson from Larry's life and use it as an inspiration for the present generation of our youth."

### HONOR GUARD

As speaker after speaker pointed to the tireless activity of Washington in the Communist Party, the American Labor Party, and the CIO International Fur & Leather Workers Union, a constant honor guard was kept before the casket.

Among those serving in the honor guard were Henry Winston, administrative secretary of the Communist Party; Jack Stachel, educational secretary of the party; Esther Cantor, of the New York County Communist Party; and Mrs. Maude White Katz, Negro woman leader in the fight to free the Ingram family.

In the audience were Washington's widow, Mrs. Marceline Washington, his three young daughters, and his brother, Clarence. Washington is also survived by an infant son.

### TO CONTINUE FIGHT

Condolence messages were read pledging to the family a continuation of the fight which Larry carried on for their freedom and security. Messages came from Washington's union, the Fur Workers; American Labor Party and various Communist Party committees.

Rep. Vito Marcantonio, in whose behalf Washington worked in the last election campaign, sent a personal message to the family and pledged that the fight for the program advanced last fall would go on.

The Rev. Edler Hawkins, Bronx minister, officiated at the ceremony. Other speakers included

Irving Potash, manager of the Furriers Joint Council; Rose Gauden, chairman of the Harlem 13 A.D. Communist Party section; George Blake, chairman, New York County Communist Party; Lyndon Henry, organizer, Local 88, Fur Joint Board; Halois Moorhead, Negro woman leader of AFL food workers; Arthur Schutler, executive secretary, state ALP. Herbert Wheelddin, executive secretary of the Harlem Communist Party region, acted as chairman.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the funeral cortege marched from the hall to the Rodney Dade funeral parlor at 137th St. and 7th Ave. Interment ceremonies will be held today in Kensico Cemetery near Valhalla, N.Y., at 2:30 p.m. The procession will leave the Rodney Dade funeral parlor at 1:30 p.m. Those wishing to join the procession may do so up to 1:15 p.m.



# Dewey Plan Would Axe Relief 25%

## Peron Doesn't Like Our Attack on His Terror

By Rodolfo Ghioldi

**BUENOS AIRES (By Mail).**—In a radio address here President Juan Peron attacked the New York Daily Worker, among other North American papers, as one of the so-called "imperialist forces," which are impeding his "national program" with respect to a series of strikes in the sugar industry.

Trying to show that the strikes in the provinces of Tucuman, Salta and Jujuy are the machinations of "imperialists," the Argentine President in his speech, Dec. 2, quoted articles from the Daily Worker, in which it protested the terror inflicted in November on outstanding Argentine Communist leaders.

He cited a headline of Nov. 14, 1949, entitled "Terror in Buenos Aires," and another of Nov. 16, saying: "Peron's Police Unable to Stem Wave of Strikes."

Of course, the Argentine Communist daily, La Hora, and the weekly Oritacion, replied by reminding Peron that the Daily Worker is a workingclass, anti-imperialist paper and that its editor, John Gates, had just been sentenced by an American imperialist tribunal.

### ARREST STRIKE LEADERS

The sugar workers have been striking for six weeks, and have faced a continual battle from the government and the police. The strike leaders were arrested, and a trial of 30 of them begun, presumably for violating laws concerning the "security of the state," which makes them liable to three years in jail.

In his radio address, Peron announced a wage raise of 60 percent, although the workers have been demanding 120 percent. Sugar workers get only 8.4 pesos a day and work eight months a

year, which means on an annual basis, something like 20 pesos a day (about \$2.20 a day).

The Tucuman sugar industry is in the hands of 28 wealthy families, among them some of this country's millionaires. Three years ago the government allowed a price rise in sugar, and on Oct. 1, 1949 permitted another rise of 120 percent. Altogether, various compensations to the companies amounted in three years to seven times their invested capital.

While President Peron attacks the Daily Worker, he had decorated Col. Robert McCormick, owner of the Chicago Tribune, and bestowed a medal of loyalty on the former Ambassador James Bruce. He also made a great fuss over the visit here of the American imperialist agent, Alexander de Seversky.



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## 'Worker' Replies

The following letter to President Juan Peron of Argentina was sent by John Gates, editor of the Daily Worker:

My attention is drawn to the fact that you have attacked the New York Daily Worker in a radio address of Dec. 2. This was evidently an attempt to excuse your repression of Argentine labor movement by labelling this paper as one of the "imperialist" forces allegedly interfering in Argentine affairs.

For your information, the Daily Worker represents American working people, and is engaged in a bitter battle with North American imperialism, whose influence and policies are the source of the repressive campaign now engulfing the labor movement of all Latin America.

Your government's policies are a reflection and instrument of this campaign, and you cannot evade the just wrath of Argentina's working class by appearing as the opponent of imperialism before them.

I consider that your criticism of the Daily Worker stems from the publicity which it gave to the scandalous arrest and detention of the Argentine Communist leaders, Vitorio Codovilla, Juan Jose Real, Victor Larralde and Alcira de la Pena early in November.

### CITES PRESS CENSORSHIP

It stems also from our protest against the persecution of the acting editor of La Hora, the noted novelist Alfredo Varela, which is part of your government's efforts to muzzle other distinguished newspapers, such as La Prensa and La Nacion.

American public opinion is following events in your country carefully. We note that after weeks of mysterious disappearance, the workers' leader Tucuman Aguirre, has been found murdered—a foul deed, which even you have been forced to protest. Your behavior only confirms the justice of our previous charges.

### TERROR CONTINUES

We observe also that the terror which took Aguirre's life continues in various forms. His co-workers were tortured by the police. Radi-

### London Has Warm Xmas

**LONDON, Dec. 26 (UP).**—The temperature at noon today stood at 55 degrees. Making this the warmest Christmas season London has known in this century. The previous high in Yule temperatures was 50 degrees, registered in 1920.

cal Party deputies have been expelled from your parliament. Students, like Israel Cerber, are persecuted by the courts for their Marxist opinions.

All this, from our experience with similar developments in the United States, confirms the fact that your policies represent a capitulation to North American imperialism, try as you may to cover this fact with pretenses of defending Argentine interests.

The Daily Worker will continue, as always, to reflect what is really happening in Argentina, and to report the developing unity of Argentina's democratic forces which will surely emerge to challenge your policies.

### Quake Jars

#### Inglewood, Calif.

**INGLEWOOD, Calif., Dec. 26 (UP).**—A sharp earthquake jarred the Inglewood area today at 6:27 a. m.

Police said the shock centered here but was felt in El Segundo and at Los Angeles International Airport.

Hundreds of residents telephoned police to ask about the quake, but there were no reports of large-scale damage.

The Fordham University seismograph yesterday recorded two "very severe" earthquake shocks believed to have originated in the area of Japan.

### Xmas Load Kills French Mailman

**CHARTRES, France, Dec. 26 (UP).**—Funeral services were held today for Gustave Piat, of nearby Auneau, a mailman who died in the line of duty during the Christmas rush.

Piat, carrying a sack overloaded with Christmas packages, lost his balance and fell from his bicycle, fracturing his skull. He died in the hospital several hours later.

City Welfare Commissioner Raymond M. Hilliard, who has just cut city relief allowances, yesterday warned that attempts by the state to reduce its share of public assistance costs from 80 to 60 percent "might be disastrous." Such a cut by the state would force the city to reduce relief costs by an additional 25 percent, the Commissioner declared.

The warning was made in a communication on appropriation trends on welfare costs to the City Council's City Affairs Committee.

The Dewey administration has indicated that it will propose a change during the coming session of the Legislature in the relief law to cut the state's share by one-fifth.

Although both city and state have been giving persons on public assistance rolls a rough time, the proposed cut would throw city finances into an even deeper hole.

If Dewey is successful in cutting the state's share of relief, the burden will fall hardest on workers, unemployed and relief clients.

### 25 PERCENT CUT

"Were the proposal (to reduce the state's share of relief) enacted into law," said Hilliard, "it might involve a reduction in public assistance allowances by 25 percent."

The proposal would increase the city's present contribution of 20 to 40 percent, the Commissioner said.

In an attempt to alibi the O'Dwyer's administration responsibility in cutting relief standards, Hilliard announced that a deficit of \$12,000,000 is expected for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1950. He announced that he would ask for an appropriation of \$203,098,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1950, or \$30,211,537,000 above the current year.

### SEE CASELOAD RISE

A continuing increase in public assistance caseload is expected, Hilliard said, at a rate of 1,500 cases per month, or to a final figure of almost 190,000 cases, comprising 380,000 persons at the end of June 30, 1951.

"Together with persons receiving care under the other programs of the Department of Welfare, this would mean that over 400,000 persons would be on our rolls," he declared.

The Council's City Affairs Committee, to which the communication was sent last week held a public hearing on a resolution by Liberal Councilman Louis Goldberg to refore the city-enforced cuts going into effect in January and February of the coming year. The Democratic majority indicated it had no intention of acting on the resolution by the time the present term concludes at the end of the year. Only promises were offered for the next term.

## Economists See Downward Trend in 1950

By Rob F. Hall

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.**—In contrast to Commerce Secretary Charles Sawyer's optimistic economic analysis issued Christmas Day, Washington economists are anticipating a continued downward trend during 1950. This was found true of virtually all experts canvassed by the Daily Worker, whether they were employed by the government, by business or by labor organizations.

The prospect, as the Bureau of Labor Statistics sees it, is for a downward trend with gradually rising unemployment the latter due to increasing productivity per worker and a falling consumer demand both at home and abroad.

Business economists predicted that for the first three months of 1950 the level of retail business noted in November and December would continue. But few were willing to prophesy what may happen during the second quarter.

In general, the most positive factor they could foresee was the continued cold war expenditures of the government at around \$20 billion for the year. Of immediate interest was the government's plan to pay out almost three billion dollars in veterans insurance dividends beginning in mid-January.

Economists seemed not at all reluctant to punch holes in the glowingly optimistic report of Sawyer whom they regard as a professional political optimist. Sawyer described the economic story of 1949 as a "moderate" downward trend during the first half year "with a general firming in activity" during the second half. He characterized industrial production and construction as "recovering."

Actually, it was pointed out, the downturn which began shortly after the first of the year, continued throughout the year. In November and December some upturn was noted, but not nearly enough to reverse the direction on the curve. One economist described the small upturn as "a bubble on the waterfall."

Labor economists noted that, according to BLS, even after allowances were made for direct and secondary effects of the steel strike, industrial and commercial employment declined 300,000 between October and November (Continued on Page 9)

## 457 Dead In Christmas Accidents

**CHICAGO, Dec. 26 (UP).**—The Christmas holiday ended in tragedy for many today as accidental death took a mounting toll across the nation.

Between 6 p. m. Friday and noon Monday, 457 persons had died in accidents. Highway mishaps killed 327, fires took 50 lives and plane crashes four. Seventy-five persons died in miscellaneous accidents.

In a grim forecast, the National Safety Council had estimated that 435 persons would die on the highways. There was a possibility that the total might reach as homeward-bound travelers jammed the highways as the end of the three-day holiday approached.

Texas, with 31 highway fatalities, led all other states with an accidental death total of 67. California was next with 44, including 35 traffic deaths.

The toll already has passed the 422 reported in the two-day holiday last Christmas, but it was far below the all-time high for any holiday, set during the 1949 Fourth of July weekend when 604 persons were killed.

Forecasters said a cold wave sweeping down from Canada was bringing rain and snow toward the East Coast. The temperature skidded to 24 below zero at Bemidji, Minn., early today.

## Memo to the Reader

By ALAN MAX  
Managing Editor

Gil Green, chairman of the Communist Party of Illinois, dropped into the office last week. He told me that in Chicago the press builders of the West Side are leading the city. But the sub-getters in the packing and steel industries, who walked off with the prizes when I visited Chicago just a year ago, are way behind this year. Gil is refusing to speak at any party meetings while the drive is on unless he is assured that one point on the program will be the gathering in of Worker subs. Sounds like a good idea for all year round too. Here in New York, George Garst, who pledges to get 25 subscriptions, has been selling 100 Harlem Workers a week in that community. Garst claims that he sold Herb Wheeldin, now leader of the Harlem Communist Party, his first subscription to the Daily Worker about 12 years ago in Westchester.

### Today's POINT of ORDER

Master-mind of the State Department's anti-Soviet "containment" policy, George Kennan, is going on a mission to Latin America. It seems the people down there are now to be offered Kennan, not butter.



# Graft Scandal Rocks Chi. 'Reform' Gov't

By Carl Hirsch

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Disclosures of corrupt million-dollar deals by its chieftains have rocked the Democratic Party here and have thrown a spotlight on the inside workings of the so-called "reform" administration of Mayor Kennelly. The scandal here centered around the secret purchase of property in the path of the Congress Street Superhighway by a syndicate of politicians for the purpose of extorting huge profits from the city.

Central figures in the revelation was Cook County Democratic Chairman Jacob Arvey, who was the "political godfather" of Mayor Kennelly.

Arvey, it was disclosed, held a partnership in trust formed by Democratic big-wigs who invested more than a million dollars in buildings which were to be bought by the city to make way for the superhighway.

Another group of speculators was represented by Arthur Sullivan, longtime attorney for the Democratic Party in this county. Also involved was Alderman William Lancaster, a Kennelly floor leader in the City Council, who heads a subcommittee which approved the inflated sale price for the properties.

## CRISIS AMONG DEMOCRATS

The scandal immediately precipitated a crisis in the Democratic Party, with talk of the gradual "retirement" of Arvey, considered one of the most powerful strategists in the Democratic Party nationally.

It was rumored that the explosive disclosures were leaked by an opposing faction which is "out for Arvey's scalp." There has been talk here for some months of a split between Arvey and Kennelly. The Mayor was seen as making a bid for full control of the Democratic Party reins.

Giving weight to these speculations was the fact that the scandal story was broken by the Chicago Sun-Times, a Democratic paper which has apparently now cast its lot with the Kennelly forces in the party.

## FACTIONS WRANGLE

The corruption bombshell came in the midst of wrangling among Democratic Factions over the slate in the 1950 elections. One of the big points at issue is the re-naming of Sen. Scott Lucas for U. S. Senator again. Lucas, who has Arvey's backing, is considered to be unacceptable to Kennelly, who wants to run his Corporation Counsel, Benjamin Adamowski, for the post.

The superhighway scandal, however, pointed to widespread corruption in the entire Democratic machine in this city, exploding the four-year myth of a "reform" regime.

It was Arvey who in 1946 dumped ex-Mayor Edward J. Kelly and slated Kennelly, a wealthy



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businessman, for Mayor.

Since his election in April, 1947, Kennelly's administration has been free from the kind of open corruption which marked that of his predecessors. However, the city has since become, more than ever, the happy hunting grounds for the big banks, the utilities, industrialists, real estate operators and merchants.

The superhighway blowoff was seen here as rivaling the corruption of the Democratic machines of Hague in New Jersey, Prendergast in Kansas City and Crump in Memphis.

Arvey and his group based their defense on the claim that there was nothing "legally wrong" with what they did.

## Man Disappears From Ship at Sea

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26 (UP).—American President lines officials investigating the disappearance of Frank Lawley, 55 from a freighter at sea today said they assume he jumped or fell overboard.

The man was reported missing yesterday as the SS President Jefferson was about 20 miles from San Francisco on its trip from Boston via several Atlantic and gulf ports.

Ship's Captain Elisha Cooper said the missing man boarded the ship in New York City with a one-way ticket here and refused to give the purser a home address.

## Indianapolis CP Ousted from Relief Hearing

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 26.

—The Communist Party was barred from testifying at a hearing of the Indianapolis City Council on the lifting of rent control here. The hearing, marked by violence, was conducted in an atmosphere of mob hysteria as real estate operators packed the audience of 350 people.

Ben Cohen, Marion County chairman of the Communist Party, was barred from expressing his party's opposition to the move to life rent controls, and ejected from the council chamber.

After the meeting, Forrest W. Davis, Marion County chairman of the Progressive Party, was attacked by hoodlums, knocked down and beaten.

The president of the City Council, Emhardt, a Democrat, declared that "unless I am overruled by other members of the Council, I'm going to rule that the Communist Party has no right to speak before this body."

Davis stated at the hearing that rents would increase from 25 per cent to 300 per cent if controls were lifted.

The Progressive Party denounced the attack on Davis and took steps to file charges of assault and battery. The statement said: "This attack is not an attempt to silence Communists and Progressives alone, but it is a concerted attempt of the real estate interests and some members of the City Council to silence all opposition to rent de-control. Witness the organized boozing of the predominantly landlord audience when the CIO and American Veterans Committee representatives testified in favor of rent controls."

The Communist Party of Marion County demanded the immediate impeachment of Council President Emhardt.

## 4-SIDED PLOT LICKED BY UE IN SUNBEAM POLL

### 1. Company

So, what does the Red Herring smoke down to? The Cleveland convention says the UE is run by the Communists. The criminal conspiracy trial in New York showed how Communists operate. The UE in an effort to regain recognition as Sunbeam uses the Communist methods of class hatred, secrecy, misrepresentation, lying, and stirring up resentment. Never once has the UE rescinded its position.

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President

### 2. Darling

#### UE KICKED OUT OF THE CIO

At the CIO convention this week, the UE was kicked out of the CIO. The Resolutions Committee, headed by Walter Reuther head of the UAW-CIO, made the statement "that the UE leaders were a bunch of Communists masquerading as a Labor Union."

This is the bunch that have been extorting \$2.00 a month from the Sunbeam workers for several years. This bunch of Communists have constantly issued propaganda in an effort to make the Sunbeam workers believe that the UE has actually benefited the Sunbeam workers. This is also the same group that constantly call Local 1031, Electrical Workers, A. F. of L. a Company Union. When the CIO itself could not put up any further with their lies and Communist propaganda, WHY SHOULD THE SUNBEAM WORKERS?

The American Federation of Labor, of which Local 1031 is a part, have over eight million members.

### 3. Carey

The UE (not to be confused with IUE-CIO) has already proven to Sunbeam workers that it is incapable of doing a job for them. Do we need to mention the disaster that the UE committed in 1947 when the Sunbeam workers to earlier this year? The communists brought rather than giving first place to the legitimate needs of the workers for better hours, wages, and working conditions.

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### 4. Medina

Communism was unmasked as the enemy in the recent case in New York when the eleven top leaders of Communism in the United States were found guilty. The judge summed up the case of the prosecution:

"that the defendants (Communists) had taught their followers to prepare for the coming of some crisis—a depression, perhaps a war with Russia. At that point the revolutionists would spring into action. Through strikes and sabotage, they would paralyze the industrial machine, bring about the violent overthrow of the Government, establish the dictatorship."

Here is evidence of the conspiracy that the United Electrical Workers licked in the test election at the large Sunbeam Corp in Chicago, where the workers voted 1,488 for the UE to 106 for the AFL International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Two excerpts (number 1 and number 4) are from company letters to the workers, quoting CIO slanders against UE and using the trial

against the Communist leaders in a futile attempt to whip up red-baiting hysteria. Excerpt number 2 is from a letter by Michael Darling, IBEW representative also using top CIO ammunition. And excerpt number three is from James Carey's International United Electrical Workers ("Imitation UE"), urging the workers to repudiate their union. Company, Truman administration, IBEW and IUE—all they got was 106 votes.

## Defer Trial of 18 Anti-Bias Pickets

By Lee Soft

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—The trial of 18 pickets, Negro and white, charged with the "crime" of fighting Jimcrow, has been continued until Jan. 4. The young men and women face a phony police charge of "obstructing free foot passage." They are free on \$25 bail each, pending the court case.

The wholesale arrests grew out of the battle by the United Committee to End Job Discrimination Against Jimcrow hiring at Dutton's, a Roxbury department store. Thirteen pickets, whose signs urged the store to hire Negro sales clerks, were thrown into jail by police. A few days later six people passing out leaflets before the store were arrested.

Determined committee members, led by Progressive Party director Walter O'Brien, then distributed leaflets before the store for two days. Though police hurled repeated threats, there were no further arrests.

VIOLENCE BY COPS  
Police, called by the store's management, were brutal. They hit some pickets; one girl was thrown to the floor of a patrol wagon. Foul-mouthed cops called pickets "n—rs," "n—r lovers," and "reds." One Negro man, who came to the police station to bail out his friend, was locked up on the fantastic charge of "going abroad at night without identification." The charge was dropped the following day; but the man spent four hours in jail before he was bailed out on \$100.

The pickets, while held in jail, were grilled about their political beliefs and were warned to "stay away from Dutton's if you want to keep healthy." The committee's protest has already had effect. Dutton's, after the campaign be-

gan, hired one Negro salesgirl. The job, however, was for the Christmas season only. The committee has announced that its fight will continue until the store hires permanent Negro sales help.

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Organizations participating in the United Committee to End Job Discrimination include clubs of the Young Progressives, the Labor Youth League, the Progressive Party, the International Workers Order and the Communist Party.

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## PRESBYTERIANS RECALL VATICAN AID TO FASCISTS

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 26.—The Presbytery of Pittsburgh, governing body of 76,000 Presbyterian Church members here, at its monthly meeting in December unanimously condemned as "misrepresentation of facts" a series of syndicated articles entitled "Vatican vs. Kremlin" published by the Post-Gazette. John P. McKnight, author of the articles, is reported to belong to a Presbyterian church in Charlotte, N. C.

Among the points which the Presbyterians declared absolutely false was McKnight's insistence that the Vatican had been opposed to both Hitler and Mussolini. Rev. Frederick C. Fowler, pastor of the

Knoxville Presbyterian Church and one of the most prominent leaders, declared: "This is such an obvious misstatement that it's silly. The Vatican signed concordats (special treaties) with both Hitler and Mussolini."

The series of articles portrayed the Catholic Church and the Pope as the "hope of the world" against the materialism of the Communists.

It aroused opposition in many Protestant circles, especially because it followed featured articles of the same type by Catholic propagandists in the other two daily papers—the Pittsburgh Press and Sun-Telegraph.



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# 'I ATTENDED SECRET MEETING OF CHICAGO KU KLUX KLAN OUTFIT'

By George Sexton

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—I met with the White Circle League last Friday night. This is the Klan—without the hoods. Several hundred members of this organization held a private anti-Negro and anti-Semitic hate fest at the Woodlawn Boys Club, 6331 S. Univer-

## THE ALARM CLOCK

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PART OF THE hate-inciting leaflet distributed recently in the Chicago Park Manor area and elsewhere. It states plainly that "your community association," meaning the Park Manor Improvement Association, has been involved in the recent moves to terrorize Negro residents.

sity. They announced that they had a selected corps of "2,000 able-bodied white men" ready to serve as storm troops in case a "race riot" sweeps Chicago. They announced also that this information had been passed on to Chicago Police Commissioner John C. Prentergast, together with proposal that he deputize these vigilantes.

A letter from Prentergast was read to the meeting, thanking the organization for their offer of help.

This was a meeting "for members only." It included a number of well known realty men and heads of the community "improvement" associations which have spearheaded racist violence recently in Englewood and Park Manor. Joseph Beauharnais, self-styled fuhrer of the White Circle League, announced the organization's program:

- "No police protection for Negroes moving into white neighborhoods."
- "No Negroes should be employed in any white man's business."
- "The Negroes should get out of Chicago and build themselves a 'Black Metropolis.'"

### RACIST TIRADES

In the frenzied KKK atmosphere of the meeting, speaker after speaker unleashed savage racist and anti-Jewish tirades.

Referring to Aaron Bindman, victim of the recent mob attack at 58 and Peoria Streets, Beauharnais shouted, "Bindman is bad medicine. He and his kind are threaten-

ing preservation of the white race!"

I turned around to look at the door as speakers boasted that they had taken active part in the mob attacks. The city policemen who

were there when I came in were still there—guarding the door!

There were two uniformed policemen and several plainclothesmen.

The meeting went on to bear

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out everything that has been said about the police complicity in the Englewood fascist outbreak.

"The White Circle League has already signed up 400 members of the police force," one speaker reported. "The police are trying to do a good job. They're with us."

In the hate literature issued by the organization, special appeals are made to the policemen, especially to those who live in the South Side communities where the mob outbreaks have taken place.

In one such leaflet, Beauharnais declared: "The police officer will consider the preservation and protection of his own family more important than his job."

One speaker rose to tell of his part in the attack on Negro fam-

ilies who had moved into the Airport Homes in 1946.

I recognized him as Arthur A. Schramm, 10042 S. Vernon, organizer of the anti-Negro Roseland Community Association. He is connected with the Berford Construction Co., 201 N. Wells St.

Schramm declared that he was also representing Max Fenneman, 7323 S. Lafayette, of the Citizens Community Council. He spoke of Fenneman's anti-Negro activity in connection with the fascist outbreak at Fernwood Homes in 1947.

Joseph DeChristina, 6039 S. Karlov, also spoke of his involvement in the violence at the Airport Homes.

Two men who played a promi-

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## Of Things to Come DIXIECRATS CHIVALRY

By John Pittman

THE ASIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE has ended and Mrs. Charlotta Bass, editor of the weekly California Eagle, could not attend. Because the State Department, acting through the Philippine Government, denied her a visa. Whereby Secretary Acheson made many new converts for the camp of opposition to Washington's foreign policy. Which is but one more example of the billionnaires' unfriendliness to govern. For if the art of statecraft be to multiply friends and reduce the number of one's enemies, the present temporary statesmen in Washington pride themselves on producing the opposite effect.

I have followed the career of Mrs. Bass for some years now—from the days of Herbert Hoover when the callousness and cynicism of the GOP made her resign from high place in Republican Party councils and turn to the New Deal of FDR. She is a proud, honest and courageous woman who will not blind herself to the conditions of U. S. Negroes and refuses to accept the new gospel of accommodation dispensed by some who speak in the name of Negro freedom. And it was the Truman betrayal of Roosevelt's legacy, for which a nephew whom she loved as a son gave his life in the Battle of the Bulge, that drove Mrs. Bass out of the Democratic Party into the brave Gideon's Army of Henry Wallace.

SUCH IS THE INESCAPABLE DESTINY of the billionnaires' state. That although it speaks of securing freedom, it creates by the day and by the hour new conditions of unfreedom. And though it tries by trickery and by violence to preserve the shape of the world after its own image, it lacks the freedom of will to take other measures, and thus also produces daily and hourly the forces that will change the world. Indeed, a reason for despair, and a cause of adventurism!

The Asian women's conference was a conclave of these world-changers: Chen Yen, 22-year-old radio operator of the Chinese People's 3rd Field Army; Hok Tsel, 18-year-old guerilla fighter in South Korea; Ho Hsiang-ning, who took part in the 1911 Chinese Revolution; Pak Cheng Ai, for 15 years leader of the Korean underground against the Japanese; Ho Thi-minh, editor of the Vietnamese People's Army organ; Chou Hsing-mei, gwi strike-leader of Shanghai; Harlo Suruh, Mongolian People's Republic actress, and others.

And these women appealed to the women of Europe and America: "For centuries your governments have ruthlessly impressed their power on Asia. . . . We women of Asia know no protection as wives, mothers and workers, nor do our children. We work 15 hours a day to earn a handful of rice. . . . We women of Asia declare that we are conducting and will conduct our struggle until imperialism is defeated in our countries. . . . What are you going to do to stop the crimes of your governments in Asia?"

Mrs. Bass and her sisters in the sisterhood of suffering will understand this appeal.

FOR HERE IN AMERICA there are also wives and mothers and their children who know no protection. And not protection so much from the "mounting wave of sex crimes" over which the junior hearstlings weep mock tears, the while they tip their hats to the A-bomb and germ-bomb diplomats and the guns-not-butter budget of the "cold war."

These women know that for every hoodlum who lies in wait to rape there are a thousand respectables who call the act by prettier names. That prostitution among the poor is but a pale shadow of the morality of concubinage among the rich. That the lordly ruling class male asserts his self-endowed prerogative with violence against tens of millions of the women of our land—keeping their families in poverty and ill-health, grooming their sons and husbands to pillage and murder the families of other peoples, and to die themselves in a foxhole or a screaming plane.

Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram, serving a life-sentence for self-defense against a white rapist, knows the meaning of "sex crimes." Mrs. Amy Mallard, whose husband was shot down in Georgia for "getting uppity," knows there is no difference between the chivalrous Dixiecrat and the man lying in wait on a dark street. The Negro woman, victim of a three-fold violence, is already united with the wives and daughters and mothers of Asia, though a million visa restrictions keep them apart.

Look at your handiwork, my fine gallants of Park and Pennsylvania Avenues! Your conspiracy against the dignity of womankind has set the sex against you over half the earth.

VIRGIL



By Len Kleis

## World of Labor

By George Morris

### Time the Reuther Case Is Really Tackled

IT TOOK another scare headline—this time the discovery of a dynamite charge at the headquarters of the United Automobile Workers—to force an announcement from the FBI that it may enter the two-year-old case of the Reuthers. The FBI's refusal to enter the case, despite a demand that it do so in resolutions by numerous labor groups, including conventions of the CIO and UAW, appears to be as mysterious as the two shotgun blasts and the attempting bombing.

Attorney General McGrath, in announcing the FBI's entry into the investigation, said his men would try to determine if the FBI has jurisdiction on three grounds: (1) illegal transportation of dynamite; (2) violation of the Civil Rights Act and conspiracies to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate any citizen in violation of the Constitution or a federal law; (3) possible violation of the law forbidding crossing of state lines with intention of avoiding prosecution on federal laws.

The last two could have been invoked on the day Walter Reuther was shot nearly two years ago. But the FBI wasn't interested.



## Letters from Readers

### Chauvinist Phrases

New York

Editor, Daily Worker:

The Daily Worker of Dec. 14, had an apt story on the chauvinism in the Hearst press in terms of the so-called "Yellow Menace." But the story was headlined "Yellow Journalism!"

It is true that the latter term developed as a result of the color of the Hearst and Pulitzer press just before and during the Spanish-American War. But the use of the term "yellow" as synonymous with tricky, sly, malicious, evil, etc., is clearly chauvinistic.

May I urge greater care in this regard.

H. APTEKER.

### Jimcrow Realtors Still Untamed

New York

Editor, Daily Worker:

The recent ruling of the Federal Housing Administration does not seem to end the undemocratic real estate procedures. Nor does the Supreme Court decisions that restrictive covenants are unenforceable in courts ap-

pear to be a strong enough deterrent for those who make their profits on prejudice.

In Dec. 11's New York Times real estate section the following story appeared on page 5.

"The West Side of Manhattan above Central Park would benefit from a re-development of East Harlem, William Zeckendorf, president of Webb & Knapp, Inc., told a panel of the Sales Brokers Committee of the Real Estate Board of New York last week at the Biltmore Hotel. . . . The re-development of East Harlem, he declared, would save the West Side residential area from further depreciation."

Read between this gentleman's lines and you know that he wants certain minority groups—perhaps Irish, Italian, Puerto Rican and Negroes—moved into the ghetto of East Harlem to end further depreciation of the West Side.

It seems time that people fight such undemocratic procedures as discrimination and further denounce the idea that because a minority group moves into a neighborhood, it depreciates it. As a matter of fact, there was a recent report to the contrary.

STANLEY JAY.

## Press Roundup

THE DAILY MIRROR uses a minor holiday incident to attack the immunity rights of United Nations' personnel. It is especially mad because of the recent order that the UN premises are inviolable. The Mirror wants to treat the UN like a colony and push all and sundry around as it pleases.

THE NEWS takes a swipe at the so-called welfare state promises and concludes it is little better than slavery. Why the Negroes under slavery, it claims, never had a worry or grievance that wasn't cared for by the slave-owners. That was the welfare state! according to the News.

THE COMPASS discusses the possibility of installing water meters during the acute shortage. Tenants are against this

procedure which will raise rents and the burden of the cost will fall on the citizen who don't drink seltzer.

THE TIMES views the United States' civil air pact with Yugoslavia as a big stick to keep that country in tow. "The restoration of our access to at least a part of the Balkans thus puts us in a better position to help" the monarcho-fascists of Greece, the Times admits. It laments the "pathological passion for secrecy that infests the Soviet Union." And all the time, we were given to believe by the Times that secrecy was our greatest defense weapon next to the atombomb.

THE HERALD TRIBUNE wants a solution to the coal situation with the union and miners taking the rap, and with all goodwill extended to the operators.

IT NEED hardly be said here that former attorney general Tom Clark wouldn't have waited a second if he had the slightest ground to think that the crime could be traced to, or be pinned on, someone who has a third cousin's cousin who sympathizes with Communists.

Clark would have loved to find such "evidence" of force and violence to have something that looks like substance in his prosecution of the Communist leaders. It seems that if there is no "red angle" to a case then the FBI isn't interested.

After nearly two years, there is one certainty; the case needs above all some fresh investigators who are completely free of any preconceived blueprints and prejudices, and completely unattached to political or local tieups. Have all such people passed away with Conan Doyle? They certainly aren't on the federal payroll today.

It would be interesting if a real investigation was made of the vast net of in-plant gambling syndicates which a McGraw-Hill survey last year estimated has an annual take of A BILLION DOLLARS. Detroit was found to be the major center, with a take of \$75,000,000 a year, \$20,000,000 of it in auto plants. It need hardly be added that much of this take goes for "protection money."

If it is true, as the Reuthers claim, that they oppose the operations of the racketeers, then the shots could have certainly come from these elements. The question is who will really and honestly go after the Detroit racketeers?

**COMING: The First Half of the 20th Century . . . a survey . . . in the weekend Worker**



## In Tom Clark's Footsteps

JAMES J. GREEN, Communist organizer in Texas, had the right answer when Attorney General McGrath's men in Houston tried to force him to inform on other workers.

"My middle initial J.," he told reporters, "stands for Jack, not Judas." It is the only answer a self-respecting American can give. He refused to play the informer.

The federal judge has sentenced Green to prison until he is willing to answer stoolpigeon questions. Fred Estes, of Dallas, father of six children, veteran fighter for the rights of Negroes and Mexican-Americans, has been convicted under similar circumstances.

The government has initiated a new witchhunt against the foreign-born in the Southwest. Mexican-Americans and other national minorities are under fire. Included are two refugees from Hitler Germany. They had applied to leave this country for Germany and were even willing to accept deportation.

But the Department of Justice insists upon following the grisly road set by former Attorney General Tom C. Clark. Many had hoped that McGrath would correct the worst abuses of his predecessor, but it appears that he is hell-bent along the same path. Hound them, persecute them, try to force the Judas code on the American working class.

The judges appear to be acting like Judge Medina in the Foley Square trial. Inform—or else. They have contemptuously brushed aside the defendants' constitutional rights. But to the credit of the victims, they have rejected the role of government stoolpigeon.

Members of the Progressive Party, the NAACP, as well as Southwestern Communists are being hounded today. Everyone should heed the CRC's call for protest wires to Attorney General McGrath, in Washington, and M. L. Grossman, Department of Immigration, Federal Building, Houston, Texas.

Americans who won't play Judas merit your prompt support.

## Who's Stealing from Whom?

WELL, THE RUSSIANS had the A-bomb secret in 1940, we now learn. That was four and a half years before the American bomb exploded, five years before the Smyth report which we were told tipped them off to the "secret."

The world learned this latest bit of news in a shame-faced United Press story after the Atomic Energy Commission permitted a reporter to read translations of Russian scientific documents published in 1940.

The Russians had published them openly for the world to read. The Manhattan District stamped the translations "top secret." For what reason? To hide the fact that they were collecting such evidence of Soviet atomic progress.

Though American brass-hats and scientific authorities knew about them all the time, the public has now been let in on it for the first time.

Well, well, well. Who's stealing from whom? What about this cosmic hoax the D. of J., the Un-American Committee, and all the rest have played on us? They've given us spy scare and witchhunt, captured the headlines with "sensations," and suddenly they're shown with their pants down.

The world was told the Russians had to "steal" secrets that were no secrets.

This latest revelation should put a close to the wolfish witchhunt and atomic spy scare Washington has created. The whole business is a sordid, shameful scandal that has only one purpose: to defend our wartime ally and stampede our people into a new war against her that only Wall Street wants.

And the most grisly irony is this: had not the Soviets held at Stalingrad after carrying the major brunt of the war, performing miracles of production that required every iota of their energies, we would not have had the time, resources or money for the all-out experimentation that created the atombomb.

Instead of hysterics in Moscow over the fact that we learned from them, they are proceeding quietly, swiftly, to use atomic energy for mankind's good. They are razing mountains to transform deserts into green gardens.

Our people should create an irresistible demand that Washington halt the phony atomic hysterics, and get down to the business the world expects.

And what it expects is no top-secret either: it's this—outlaw the bomb and make peace the order of the day.

## PEACE ON EARTH



By Fred Ellis

## Police Brutality and The Drive Toward War

By James W. Ford

Communist Party Section Organizer of Bedford-Stuyvesant

This article will attempt to tell briefly the startling use of police violence as an instrument of national policy. The open use of police violence comes at a time when war memories and victories won in the war are rapidly passing, and when warmongers

are preparing for a new war. It should, therefore, be the concern not only of Negroes themselves but of union members as a whole and of progressives throughout the country.

Negroes are thinking very much about war and they are associating the struggle for their own rights with the struggle for peace. They view with alarm the drive toward war.

War incitement takes place in the midst of high-sounding promises of civil rights to Negroes, and here and there a few concessions which, together with the rise of Negro leaders to positions of prominence, leads to confusion and creates illusions.

THERE IS, for instance, the rapid rise of Dr. Ralph Bunche to the outstanding position of statesman and U. S. diplomat. The suggestion is now being made that he be elevated to the position of U. S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union. Many people are comparing the rise of Negroes to prominent positions with the status of the masses of Negroes themselves.

"Even though," says a writer in the letter column of the Pittsburgh Courier (Dec. 10, 1949), "he (Dr. Ralph Bunche) might be sent to Russia with an Ambassador's ranking, that would not alter the fact that colored Americans are still being kicked around, Jimcrowded, segregated and lynched in the South and, to a lesser degree, in the North."

This letter was a definite protest against a wide campaign in the Negro press, suggesting that Dr. Ralph Bunche be made U. S. Ambassador to the USSR "to counteract Paul Robeson's pro-Soviet attitude" among Negroes.

The writer of this letter intends no reflection on Dr. Bunche himself. But, says he, if Dr. Bunche is sent as Ambassador to the USSR, he should be sent only upon his "qualifications as a diplomat," otherwise it would be an affront to "Afro-Americans."

"Under such conditions," says the writer, "Dr. Bunche would be 'used' in much the same way

as politicians make use of promises to corral Negroes' votes."

THE WRITER of this letter, McKinley Sims of Buffalo, N. Y., has a strong point here.

"The Little Scottsboro Case" at Tavares, Fla., proves it to the hilt. Here is a case that is attracting national attention for its horror, its miscarriage of justice and the role of courts and police as instruments of violence and terror against Negroes.

In the little community of Tavares, Fla., Samuel Shepherd and Walters Irvin, both war veterans, are under sentence of death. Charles Greenlee, 16 years old, is under a sentence of life imprisonment. Another victim, Ernest Thomas, 27 years old, was shot to death by "a mob of deputies" who tracked him down in the woods 10 days after the alleged charge of "rape" of a white woman housewife.

All four of these young Negroes were victims of a frameup. The court itself refused to allow the victims to testify to brutal beatings by the police. The charge of rape was not proved.

THANKS to the pressure of world events, writes Walter White in his column in the Chicago Defender, "the success of Dr. Ralph Bunche has opened up astounding possibilities for diplomatic careers for young Negroes."

"Another barrier to opportunity for Negroes seems crumbling," writes the NAACP secretary now on a year's leave of absence from his position.

The cynicism of this entire situation, North and South, is unbounded.

What is "the pressure of world events" of which Mr. White speaks? It is war! It is police violence and terror as a means of cowering Negroes and conditioning them to accept the war program of our government!

Having taken the path of war and world domination in the name of the superiority of the Anglo-American race, U. S. imperialists and their ruling governmental agencies shamelessly

beat, murder and otherwise maim Negroes.

It is not enough that they spend huge sums of money to build up a war machine. It is not enough that they allot more than \$20,000,000,000 for the annual war budget—20 times more than is allocated for Federal public health and education. For the year 1949 the measly sum of \$800,000 has been raised through public subscription to finance 31 Negro colleges and universities.

They must condition the masses for war by violence and the suppression of civil liberties.

It is not enough that they try to fool Negroes by the appointment of a few Negro leaders to high posts in the government. They must resort also to the most shameful and insolent policy of police violence against the Negro masses.

IT IS STARTLING to Negroes to see their leaders wink at terror and violence in return for high appointments. It shows the effect of corruption by commercialism and the ideals of "capitalist material prosperity." The picture of legal lynchings of Negroes does not appear to them to be connected with imperialist war plans.

Some people hesitate to criticize these men for fear they will prejudice the right of Negroes to rise to high positions in our society. But the time has come to call a spade a spade.

Police violence and brutality against Negroes will haunt the coming NAACP Mobilization for Civil Rights at Washington, Jan. 15-17. It is a major issue in the struggle for Negro rights today. It differs sharply from the situation after World War 1.

After World War 1, terror and violence against Negroes took the form of organized mobs and gangs as, for instance, the so-called "race riot" in Chicago in 1919. Thirty-eight persons lost their lives then—23 Negroes and 15 whites—and 527 persons were injured.

Negroes were hemmed in by the South Side ghetto, known as

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## Trial by Fury

# How Judge Medina Used Gag Rule in Court

Through his conduct of the trial Judge Medina sought to gag the defense by his rulings on trial procedure and the admissibility of certain lines of evidence. The most glaring rule, a deviation from usual trial procedure, was his decision while the prosecution's first witness was on the stand, that when objections or motions were made no legal arguments were to be presented and no grounds stated without Medina's permission. While enforcing this rule to the hilt against the defense, Medina ignored it for the prosecution, always giving McGohey permission to argue. In fact, the record reveals that McGohey was never denied permission to address the court, while the defense lawyers were consistently gagged and labelled contemptuous when they sought to speak.

The following are trial excerpts showing this:

"The least observation you make, the better," p. 7123)

"Mr. Sacher: I would like to be heard."

The Court: You will, please desist." (p. 10,720)

"Mr. Gladstein: And I ask your Honor to instruct the jury to disregard those remarks for this reason—

The Court: I don't want to hear any reason.

Mr. Gladstein: But I want—

The Court: Mr. Gladstein—

Mr. Gladstein: I am trying to assign some remarks—

The Court: This is one time when you will not give any reasons. So you will—

Mr. Gladstein: May I not assign—

The Court: You will please desist." (p. 3753)

Mr. Sacher: I would like to state an objection, if I may.

The Court: No, we are not going to have the objection discussed. I am going to overrule your objection and allow it to be marked. I don't want to hear any more argument.

Mr. Sacher: You will allow this book in evidence?

The Court: I will. That is what your objection is to.

Mr. Sacher: I would like to state why.

The Court: I am not going to hear why. I am not going to hear any argument from you at all on this matter, whether you like it or not." (p. 5823).

During the direct examination of defense witness Weiss, McGohey asked leave to be heard (p. 13,335) and leave was granted. Following his statement the Court ruled that he would take limited proof on the subject under discussion. A question was excluded, and thereupon the following took place:

"Mr. Sacher: May I be heard on that, your Honor.

The Court: No.

Mr. Sacher: In view of the fact that Mr. McGohey—

The Court: I will not hear you.

Mr. Sacher: But Mr. McGohey was permitted to make a statement concerning this.

The Court: Mr. McGohey responded to a question from me and further asked leave to address the Court which I permitted. I do not desire to hear from you.

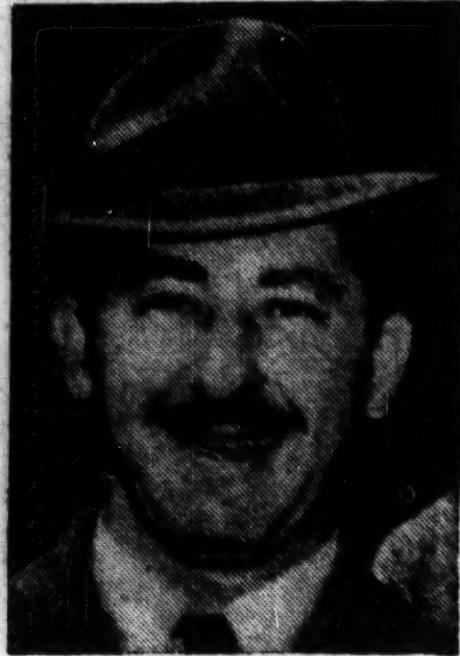
Mr. Sacher: I have asked your Honor for leave.

The Court: Please be silent, Mr. Sacher. Again you are deliberately contemptuous.

Mr. Sacher: I am asking an opportunity to reply to Mr. McGohey.



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portunity to reply to Mr. McGohey.

The Court: Go ahead, Mr. Isserman." (p. 13,338)

The treatment of McGohey was quite different.

During the direct examination of defense witness Beals, McGohey made an objection and although he did not ask for leave to be heard, the Court volunteered:

"Well, I will hear you, Mr. McGohey. . . . What is the basis of your objection? (p. 14,668)

Later during the direct examination of Beals:

Mr. McGohey: I object, if your Honor please—

The Court: Did you wish to say something about that, Mr. McGohey? (p. 14,676)

During the direct examination of Henry Winston, McGohey said:

"This is objected to, your Honor," to which the Court replied, although no request had been made,

"I will hear you on that, Mr. Gohey." (p. 14,859)

Similarly, Medina refused to state the grounds on which he was excluding defense questions. This had the effect of disorientating the defense, mystifying them as to what evidence they would be able to present and became an ambush to trap the defense lawyers. Examples of this are numerous.

Mr. Gladstein: May I know the grounds of it? I think I am entitled to ask the witness whether he can identify any article at any time, whether he says that any such article—

The Court: I know you would like to argue about it, but I do not intend to ca catechized.

Mr. Gladstein: I mean if it is the form of the question, I am perfectly willing to rephrase it, your Honor.

The Court: Well, you may suit yourself." (pp. 2151-2153)

Mr. Crockett: May I inquire the reason for the Court's ruling?

The Court: I don't think there is any occasion for me to get into an argument about it.

Mr. Crockett: I just wanted to know, your Honor, so that if there has been any deficiency in the laying of the foundation that may have occurred, I can at least at-

tempt to cure it while the witness is on the stand.

The Court: Yes, I understand. (pp. 3023-3204)

Mr. Sacher I don't know what the basis of the objection is. Would your Honor help me on that? If it is a question of form, I will be glad to reframe it.

The Court: No." (p. 5069)

Scores of instances of Judge Medina's misconduct at the trial have been gathered together in a pamphlet prepared by the Non-Partisan Committee to Defend the Twelve, entitled "Due Process." Additional examples from the pamphlet will appear tomorrow.

## 7 Escape From Texas Prison

HUNTSVILLE, Tex., Dec. 26 (UP).—Seven convicts, including two life-termers, escaped before noon today from the state penitentiary here.

Richard Jones, executive assistant to O. B. Ellis, director of the Texas prison system, said the prisoners tunneled their way "from a point inside the prison to a point outside and escaped."

Ellis immediately took over personal direction of the search for the men. Poses were assigned to the hunt, but no bloodhounds were used since it was believed the convicts did not flee on foot.

George Morris' World of Labor, a column reporting and interpreting the news in the labor movement, appears daily in the Daily Worker and in the weekend Worker.

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## CHICAGO KKK OUTFIT PLOTS RACIST CAMPAIGN

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ment part in the meeting boasted of their role in the attack on the Roscoe Johnson family in Park Manor. Neighbors of the Johnsons, the two are Martin Pederson, 7154 S. St. Lawrence, and James Kyker, 7142 S. St. Lawrence.

Both of them appear in the incorporation papers of the White Circle League as directors of the organization.

The meeting was more than a gathering of active participants in every major recent outbreak of racist violence in Chicago.

It was an "organizing rally," laying the basis for future attacks. The rallying cry was sounded by a man identified as Robert Graham.

Graham is reported to be the author of a widely-distributed leaflet headed "The Alarm Clock," bearing a crude picture of a clock with the hands indicating that "the hour has struck."

This leaflet is an attempt to terrorize those white who sell property to Negroes. It names a half dozen such people, cites their new address and declares that this information is also being spread among their new neighbors.

The "Alarm Clock" leaflet ends by asking those who have to sell their property to contact the firm of Chadwick and Strauss, 6655 S. Halsted. "They have pledged their cooperation and respect."

When the Illinois Worker checked with this real estate firm, we were told by Stanley R. Chadwick that they "didn't like the publicity, but it was probably just as well." The firm said they had contacted "Graham" and he agreed not to use their name publicly again.

At the White Circle League meeting, Graham goaded the audience to "build our league until every white citizen in this city has a white circle in his window!"

Beauharnais urged them to "sign up the men working in the shops." A number of industrial plants in the city have recently been circularized with White Circle League literature and memberships at \$1 each solicited.

The hate group founder and head also announced that they were appealing through petitions to Mayor Kennelly to "save the white people of Chicago by preventing Negroes from moving into white neighborhoods."

"Negroes are not the only ones we have to fight," said Beauharnais, listing also CIO unions and Mrs. Elizabeth Wood, executive secretary of the Chicago Housing Authority.

He also singled out for attack The Illinois Worker, "which plastered our literature on their front page."

## Police Brutality and War

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the "Black Belt." They had no protection from civil authorities. And while police did not openly take part in killings and beatings, it was known that, in their own anti-Negro bias, they sided with the mobs.

Today, thanks to the political maturity and resistance of Negroes themselves and to the growing enlightenment of labor and progressive circles, police violence is exposed as an instrument of war policy and Negro oppression.

**POLICE BRUTALITY** in Bedford-Stuyvesant in Brooklyn is a striking example of this policy in the North. The magnificent struggle of the Brooklyn

NAACP not only documented and proved during the past year more than a score of killings and beatings of Negroes by police. It put its finger on those responsible for this state of affairs. Police brutality as a policy of government became a major issue in the election campaign.

The NAACP struggle showed that not only local public officials are responsible for police brutality. It showed that police brutality springs from national policy and that federal legislation is necessary to curb police attacks on American civil rights.

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## SOVIET MINE PENSIONERS GET APARTMENTS FOR LIFE

MOSCOW, Dec. 26 (ALN).—Soviet coal miners who retire on pensions at the age of 50 after at least 15 years work in the industry are now receiving lifelong leases to apartments built by nationally-owned mine administrations. The press here reports many such presentations in the Stalino and other coal areas, listing drillers, tunnelers, cutting machine operators, loaders, mine foremen and engineers among the recipients.

The leases are for housing the miners occupied before retirement but may be transferred to improved apartments in newly-built houses, on which the pensioners enjoy priority of choice if they wish to move. The average apartment has three rooms plus kitchen and bathroom.

## UE Defeats CIO Raiders in Syracuse Plant

SYRACUSE, Dec. 26.—The first Taft-Hartley board election in New York state involving the United Electrical Workers since its ouster at the CIO Cleveland convention was won by UE against Philip Murray's United Steel Workers at the Globe Forge plant here.

The Globe Forge Co. had broken off negotiations and requested the election when James Carey's IUE-CIO claimed to represent the workers at the plant. IUE-CIO, however, withdrew in favor of Steel-CIO at a hearing before the NLRB two weeks ago. UE thus won a double victory against both the Carey and Murray unions in the CIO.

## Frameup

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content that the three judges should not have admitted the purported "confession" as evidence, Edwards' attorneys said. The appeal was filed Friday.

The two lawyers said they were powerless to force a police investigation of the anonymous note, and were unable to make any public promises to the writers.

"We cannot make any promises that they will not be sent to prison if they turn themselves in," one of the lawyers said.

Chief Souers announced that the Severn River at Annapolis would not be dragged in a search for the pistol mentioned in the letter. "We have no basis to go on," he said, adding "I feel convinced that it couldn't have been anybody but Edwards."

The entire Negro community of

Freetown, on the outskirts of the town of Glen Burnie, has supplied funds for Edwards' costly defense. At first, the community and Edwards' own family accepted the police story of Edwards' "confession."

The family changed its mind after a four-day on-the-spot investigation by the Daily Worker which turned up three witnesses who saw Edwards at the time police claimed he was committing the crimes.

## Economists

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compared with only 50,000 for the same period in 1948.

Industrial production in both durable and non-durable goods is today running at 170 compared to 190 last December.

Retail sales for December were smaller in dollar volume but about the same in physical volume as in December, 1948. Considering the fact that population has increased a million over last year, this offers little ground for optimism, one economist said.

## CONTRADICTS THESIS

Another specialist pointed out that within Sawyer's optimistic statement were facts which contradicted his thesis.

"Business demand for plant and equipment and the foreign demand for our goods... were declining" throughout 1949, Sawyer admitted.

He also acknowledged the serious decline in production but attempted to minimize it by emphasizing the larger production of automobiles and increases in new construction.

Personal incomes in 1949 were at the same level as 1948 while national income declined from \$226 billion to \$222 billion.

But these figures take on new meaning against the background of increasing population, it was pointed out.

## Roger Baldwin Calls Peekskill 'Barbaric'

By Bob Ekins

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 26.—Roger Baldwin, American Civil Liberties Union director, greeted the newly-formed New Haven Civil Liberties Council at its first public meeting at the Yale Law School Auditorium. Other speakers were Rev. Theodore Ledbetter, pastor of the Dixwell Congregational Church; Rabbi Robert Goldberg, of Congregation Miskin Israel, and Dr. Frederick Gottlieb, chairman, Westchester County Citizens Committee for Law and Order, and member of the staff of Bellevue Hospital.

Speaking of the fascist violence at Peekskill, Baldwin called it "one of the most striking and one of the most barbaric exhibitions in the North." Calling for the defense of civil rights he said we must "maintain the Bill of Rights" and maintain what he termed "neither the extreme right nor the extreme left but the extreme center—the democratic center."

Speaking of the Foley Square frame-up, Baldwin declared: "For the first time we have tried Communists for their beliefs and not for their acts. The outlawing of the Communist Party would be contrary to our professed principles."

## FOREIGN POLICY

He charged that the "difficulties being encountered in Europe and Japan are due to our government's policy that we cannot have economic recovery and democratic reform at the same time."

"Our dilemma in Europe and Japan," he continued, is that the "anti-Communist policy of containment has become coupled with support to a Spanish Franco, a Chinese Chiang Kai-shek, Greek militarists and other forces of totalitarianism."

Rev. Ledbetter spoke on the Jimcrow segregation in New Haven, pointing out the "terrific problems Negroes face in their daily struggle" for economic and social equality, the extreme difficulties Negroes face in New Haven in their efforts to advance in public employment, and to the fact that Negroes have been dismissed from jobs because of participation in the struggles for equal rights.

Rev. Ledbetter accused the local press of using racial designations in crime stories, but when Dr. Ralph Bunche visited New Haven recently no mention was made of the fact that he is a Negro.

## SHADOW OF FASCISM

Rabbi Guldberg described the growing attacks on the Bill of Rights, derided the "assaults on political non-conformists" and asked, "Are we to be ruled by star-chamber proceedings or by the orderly processes of our constitutional government?"

"It is the shadow of fascism and racism which is darkening our land today," Rabbi Guldberg declared. He called on everyone to "defend the liberties we share in common."

Dr. Gottlieb, a member of the staff of Bellevue Hospital, gave a moving eye-witness report of the Peekskill attacks, charging that the outburst of violence was "not merely spontaneous eruption of misguided enthusiasm" but that the forces of the law "conspired to insure that violence would occur and did occur."

Dr. Gottlieb charged that the police "deliberately withheld aid from the first Robeson concert last August and deliberately aided in the violence at the second." He described the inciting role of the press, how stones had been collected the day before by fascist-minded elements and how the police had deliberately funneled the concert traffic through the route along which the anti-Semitic, anti-Negro, anti-Communist hoodlums had taken their previously designated positions.

## INDIANA CP PLEDGES TO TOP 'WORKER' SUB GOAL

The Indiana Communist Party, in a holiday greeting to the Party's National Committee on Friday, pledged to oversubscribe its quota of subscriptions for The Worker "as a tribute to the leadership" of William Z. Foster and Eugene Dennis. A wire from George Sandy, Indiana Communist chairman, reported that a statewide press conference set for itself the goal to "work for the broadest united front movement around the people's burning need for peace, civil rights and economic security in the coming year."

"Your courageous and unstinted leadership," said the wire, "serves as a beacon light and inspiration to our Party and the working class. With 38 percent of our Worker subs fulfilled, we pledge to go over 100 percent by drive's end as a tribute to your leadership and as a contribution for building the united front movement for lasting peace and democracy."

## Israeli CP

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tory which the Prime Minister (Ben Gurion) enumerated, he forgot to mention a decisive factor which made it possible for the acutely suffering and yet victory-crowned Jews of Jerusalem to survive the struggle.

## CITES SOVIET AID

This factor was the important and consistent aid rendered us by the camp which is led by the Soviet Union. It was this factor that aided us to withstand the bitter battle and to save a great part of Jerusalem from the hands of Abdullah and Bevin. This is a historic fact from which we must draw lessons for our present policy. It was this camp which helped us, which helps us now, and will continue to help us to defend the independence and sovereignty of the state of Israel and the security of the Jews of Jerusalem.

It is no accident that the policies of the government which were based upon the recognition of Abdullah's rule in the other sector of Jerusalem and Palestine are against the latest decisions of the

UN. For what is the path to a just solution of the Jerusalem question? The path is to support every act in our own country and throughout the world, in the UN and outside the UN, which can lead to the removal of Abdullah's British cannons from Jerusalem and its environs.

## AIM OF UN DECISION

The decision of the UN, which was supported by the progressive forces in the UN, is not directed against the state of Israel. Its aim is to remove Abdullah's British military from Jerusalem and from all of Palestine. We must carry on a far sighted policy. We must not allow any single political step to be undertaken which confirms and legalizes the rule of Abdullah and England. We must see that the security of Jerusalem and of all Israel cannot be assured so long as Britain and Abdullah remain the rulers in a section of Jerusalem and Palestine.



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9:15-WNBC—Norman Brokenshire  
WOR—Marvin Miller  
9:30-WOR—Food—Alfred W. McCann  
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9:45-WNBC—The Stars Sing  
WCBS—Missus Goes A-Shopping  
WQXR—Composers' Varieties  
10:00-WNBC—Welcome Travelers  
WOR—Henry Gladstone  
WJZ—My True Story  
WCBS—Bing Crosby Show  
WQXR—Morning Melodies  
10:15-WOR—Martha Deane Program  
WCBS—Arthur Godfrey Show  
10:30-WNBC—Marriage for Two  
WJZ—Betty Crocker Magazine  
WNYC—Health Talk  
10:45-WNBC—Dorothy Dix  
WJZ—Club Choral Singers  
11:00-WNBC—We Love and Learn  
WOR—News  
WJZ—Modern Romances  
WNYC—Health Talk  
WQXR—News Alma Dettinger  
11:15-WNBC—Dave Garraway Show  
WOR—Tello Test  
11:30-WNBC—Jack Serch  
WOR—Meet the Menjou  
WJZ—Quiz Program  
WCBS—Grand Slam  
WQXR—Violin Personalities  
11:45-WNBC—Lora Lawton  
WCBS—Rosemary  
WOR—Kate Smith Sings  
WQXR—Luncheon Concert

## AFTERNOON

12:00-WNBC—News Roundup  
WOR—Kate Smith  
WJZ—House party  
WCBS—Wendy Warren—Sketch  
WNYC—Midday Symphony  
WQXR—News; Luncheon Concert  
12:15-WNBC—Norman Brokenshire  
WOR—Bing Crosby Records  
12:25-WJZ—Walter Kierman  
12:30-WOR—News; Luncheon at Sardi's  
WJZ—Herb Sheldon  
WCBS—Heien Trent  
12:45-WCBS—Our Gal Sunday  
1:00-WNBC—Mary Margaret McBride  
WJZ—News  
WCBS—Big Sister  
WNYC—Chamber Music  
WQXR—News; Midday Symphony  
1:15-WJZ—Nancy Craig  
WCBS—Ma Parkins  
1:30-WCBS—Young Dr. Malone  
WOR—Hollywood Theatre  
1:45-WCBS—Guiding Light  
WNYC—News; Weather Report  
2:00-WNBC—Double or Nothing  
WOR—Second Honey Moon  
WJZ—Breakfast in Hollywood  
WCBS—Second Mrs. Burton  
WQXR—News; Record Review  
2:15-WCBS—Perry Mason  
WNYC—Know Your City  
2:30-WNBC—Today's Children  
WOR—Queen for a Day  
WJZ—Bride and Groom  
WCBS—News Drake  
WQXR—Cartoon at 2:30  
WNYC—Symphonic Madeline  
2:45-WNBC—Light of the World  
WCBS—The Brighter Day  
WQXR—Musical Specialties  
3:00-WNBC—Life Can Be Beautiful  
WOR—Answer Man  
WJZ—Buddy Rogers Show  
WCBS—David Harum  
3:15-WNBC—Road of Life  
WCBS—Hilop House  
3:30-WNBC—Fanny Young  
WJZ—Ladies Be Seated  
WOR—Happiness Exchange  
WCBS—Gary Moore Show  
3:45-WNBC—Right to Happiness  
4:00-WNBC—Backstage Wife, Sketch  
WOR—Barbara Wells, Show  
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4:15-WNBC—Stella Dallas, Sketch  
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WOR—Prince Charming  
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5:00-WNBC—When a Girl Marries  
WOR—Straight Arrow Sketch  
WJZ—Green Hornet  
WCBS—Galen Drake  
WNYC—Children's Festival  
5:15-WNBC—Portia Faces Life  
WQXR—Record Review  
5:30-WNBC—Just Plain Bill  
WCBS—Hits and Misses  
WJZ—Jack Armstrong  
WOR—B-Bar B-Ranch  
WQXR—Cocktail Time  
5:45-WNBC—Front Page Farrell

## EVENING

6:00-WNBC—Kenneth Banghart  
WOR—Lyle Van  
WJZ—News  
WCBS—Eric Savaried  
WQXR—Dance Theatre  
6:15-WNBC—Sports  
WOR—On the Century  
WJZ—Allen Prescott  
6:30-WNBC—Wayne Howell  
WOR—News; Vendeventer  
WCBS—Curt Massey  
WNYC—U.N. Story  
WQXR—Dinner Concert  
6:45-WNBC—Three Star Extra  
WOR—Stan Lomax  
WJZ—Johnny Thompson Show  
WCBS—Lowell Thomas  
7:00-WNBC—Sinatra, Songs  
WOR—Fulton Lewis Jr.  
WJZ—Headline Edition  
WCBS—Beulah  
WNYC—Masterwork Hour  
WQXR—News; Keyboard Artists  
7:15-WNBC—News of the World  
WOR—Answer Man  
WJZ—News  
WCBS—Jack Smith Show  
WQXR—Continental Melodies  
7:30-WNBC—Everyman's Story, Show  
WJZ—Counter-Spy, Sketch Play  
WOR—Gabriel Heatter  
WQXR—Music Quiz  
WCBS—Club 15-Variety  
7:45-WOR—I Love a Mystery  
WCBS—Edward Murrow  
8:00-WNBC—Cavalade of America  
WOR—Philo Vance, Sketch  
WJZ—Carnegie Hall  
WCBS—Mystery Theatre  
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall  
8:30-WNBC—Fannie Brice Show  
WOR—Official Detective  
WJZ—America's Town Meeting  
WCBS—Mr. and Mrs. North  
WNYC—Music for the Connoisseur  
9:00-WNBC—Bob Hope Show  
WOR—Mystery Is My Hobby  
WCBS—Life with Luigi  
WQXR—News; Concert Hall  
9:30-WNBC—Fibber McGee and Molly  
WOR—Mysterious Traveler  
WCBS—Escape  
WJZ—Erwin Canham, News  
WQXR—Record Battles  
9:45-WJZ—We Care  
10:00-WNBC—Big Town Sketch  
WOR—Frank Edwards, Comment  
WCBS—Hit the Jackpot  
WQXR—The Showcase  
10:15-WOR—Newsreel  
10:30-WNBC—People Are Funny  
WOR—The Symphonette  
WJZ—As We See It  
WCBS—Franklin Carlo Orch.

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Ted Tinsley Says appears Tuesday and Thursday and in the weekend Worker.

## MOVIE GUIDE

• Excellent • Good

- **FAME IN THE SPUR.** An acutely drawn portrait of a British Party misleader, with a complex, studied performance by Michael Redgrave. Manhattan—Little Cinema.
- **THE BICYCLE THIEF.** Another fine film by Vittorio De Sica, the maker of *Shoeshine*. Manhattan—World Theatre.
- **HAMLET.** The widely praised Laurence Olivier version of the Shakespeare play. Manhattan—Park Avenue Theatre.
- **HOME OF THE BRAVE.** Despite serious weaknesses, a pioneering film against Jim Crow. Manhattan—Bryant.
- **BALTIC DEPUTY.** A Soviet classic of a few days in the life of a scientist during the October Revolution, with Nicolai Cherkassov. Manhattan—Irving P.
- **THE YOUNG GUARD.** Gerasimov's film about a Komsomol group during the war, perhaps the best Soviet film since the war. Manhattan—Stanley (starts Saturday).
- **THE HEIRESS.** William Wyler's fine film of the play based on James' Washington Square, with Olivia de Havilland, Montgomery Clift. Brooklyn—Paramount.
- **THE AFFAIR BLUM.** A fine German film about an attempted frameup of a Jew which is particularly relevant today. Manhattan—Midtown.
- **THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART FILM LIBRARY.** The Mikado with the D'Oyley Carle Opera Company.
- **ON THE TOWN.** The movie version of the famous Broadway musical. Manhattan—Music Hall.
- **RED SHOES.** Distinguished by a fine ballet sequence. Manhattan—Bijou.
- **QUARTET.** Four polished and witty stories of Somerset Maugham, cleverly done. Manhattan—Broadway Embassy.
- **DEVIL IN THE FLESH.** A tragic story of two young lovers incapable of escaping the mesh of bourgeois conventions in which they're caught. Manhattan—Paris Theatre.
- **ALL THE KING'S MEN.** Shallow and inconclusive, but Robert Rossen's direction makes this story of a Huey Long exciting to watch. Manhattan—Victoria.
- **DOLBYN.** The first two-thirds is a brilliant account of the death of a town, the rest melodrama, with a fine performance by Edith Evans. Manhattan—Plaza.
- **MONSIEUR VENNET.** A frequently moving film about a 19th century priest-reformer, with Pierre Fresnay. Manhattan—Heights.
- **IT HAPPENED IN KUEOFF.** A beautifully filmed story of Europe's homeless children by the Hungarian Radynyi. Manhattan—Thalia.
- **ADAM'S RIB.** A bunch of good performers make some hilarious moments of the Gordon-Kramer script. Manhattan—Capitol.
- **TIGHT LITTLE ISLAND.** A charming little comedy about a Scotch island that runs out of whiskey. Manhattan—50th St. Trans Lux.
- **GIVE US THIS DAY.** An unsatisfying film version of Christ in Concrete, with Sam Wanamaker and Lea Padovani. Manhattan—Rialto.
- **INTRUDER IN THE DUST.** Shallow and distorted as a picture of the Negro in the South, but Juan Hernandez's performance may make it worth your while. Manhattan—Mayfair.
- **FALLEN IDOL.** Carol Reed's direction may make this unmotivated melodrama worth seeing. Manhattan—Sutton Theatre.
- **BATTLEGROUND.** Slick and glib, partly redeemed by some humor of the Yank magazine type. Manhattan—Astor.

## Skip

**TOKYO JOE.** Bogart says Japanese fascists and Communists are in cahoots. **THE RED DANUBE.** Dreary slander about the Soviet Union's policy in Austria. **PROJECT X.** A vicious red-baiting quickie.

## Art Galleries: Whitney Museum's Annual Exhibit

## Easel Painting, Subjectivism And Realism in American Art

By Charles Corwin

IT IS A DIFFICULT life for easel painters. As has often been pointed out, they are still producing handicrafts in an industrial society, and they are selling on the open market. They get up in the morning in their studios and say: What shall I paint today? After all, they have few clues. They have no idea what will be the fate of the new creation; who will see it; if it is bought, who will buy it; where it will hang; to whom it may one day communicate. In most cases 90 percent and upwards of their previous works are still leaning against the studio walls. Maybe if the work is stylish it will be tapped for the Whitney Annual.

So, what is one to do? On what can one focus? On the world perhaps? Many artists do, and many of them are made sick and fearful by what they see, and paint with horror, piling up ruins, distortions, decay, and threatening destruction. These artist-individuals, themselves uprooted and unemployed, look on the bourgeois world with loathing, but they make no overt or precise criticism of it, nor do they seek courage elsewhere. Rather they hug this loathsome world to themselves, trying to make positive esthetic statements out of their bundles of negative reactions, accepting the horror, the sadism, the sorrow of what they see as their own mood, transliterating it into an esthetic, ultimately accepting the core precept of the world that has dis-

torted them—the individual vs. the group. The individuals' right to cheat, destroy, exploit, express himself—and damn all else.

Or, the artist can throw up his hands at the world, and concentrate on himself. Then he directly and unquestioningly proclaims the individual. He says how do I feel? What do I see? What did I dream last night? And he paints Expressionist abstractions, studio still-lives, Surrealist symbols. Or, by a slight shift of emphasis, he says all that's left is me and my technique, me and my art. And he paints compositions. He patches together shreds of estheticism to wrap himself in, to keep himself warm in a cold world. He develops sensitivities to color, to texture, to shape. He makes surfaces that are mottled and encrusted and scraped and scratched. He tries out a new jarring tension of screaming colors. Or a nuance more delicate than a breath.

THESE ARE THE expressions which predominate in this year's annual of American Art at the Whitney Museum, which opened December 16 and will continue until February 5. The dominant mood is a pervading pessimism or a determined detachment. Sometimes the pessimism is generalized, as in the Berman, sometimes abstracted, as in the Tanguy, sometimes personalized, as in The Cornice by George Tooker, sometimes sentimentalized, as in the Stuempfig. The pure-composition-and-sensibility-pictures are legion,

and run what must by now be an exhaustive gamut.

As far as this reviewer knows, no other country has such a numerous and widespread school of non-objective art, nor of Neo-Romanticism. The painters of France and England tend rather to late-Picasso, those of Italy to post-impressionism. It would seem that the United States, which has become the leading imperialist nation, is also leading the world in producing an art of despair, or detachment.

Its latest indigenous development is the "automatic painting" of the Jackson Pollack, De Kooning variety. They reject any plan or composition. They just make a rich surface, with spoons, palette knives or even brushes, with lots of paint, lots of color, much texture, but no form. Just a surface, pretty much the same wherever you look. It can be cut indifferently any place to fit any size frame, and indeed, as Henry Luce has illustrated in four Life pages, Jackson Pollack paints yards of surface, and then cuts the canvas into convenient sizes. How detached can you get—and still find your way to your analyst?

It must be admitted that American artists are no mean practitioners in the various styles of modernism mentioned above. Many, of course, are not so good. Altogether in the exhibit one gets an impression of almost hypnotizing repetitive mediocrity. But a number of them have developed

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## Ted Tinsley Says

### The Perfect Date-Girl

ARCH FARCH clucked his tongue. "This fellow Tinsley," he said, "is very cynical. He had no right to say all those mean things about Paul P. Milling and the ads."

"Who's Milling and what ads?" asked Edna Farch.

"Milling is president of the Wanamaker union local, AFL. His union wrote, paid for, and distributed ads for Wanamaker's." Arch pulled a folder out of his pocket. "Here's one I picked up today. And believe me, it's pretty good."

Edna glanced at the folder. "What's good about it?" she asked.

"Well, look," said Arch, pointing to a page. "Here's where the union gives 29 rules on how to be the perfect date-girl."

Edna grabbed the folder. "That's for me!" she cried. "For years I have waited for advice from the AFL on this vital question! At last William Green is applying his natural talents!"

"Give me back my folder," said Arch, snatching it away. "Don't ignore these rules. Some of them are mighty important. Now take rule four. It says the perfect date-girl shouldn't be smarter than her escort."

"How can I achieve that?" asked Edna.

Arch ignored her. "It also says the date-girl should be able to say 'no'."

"No," said Edna.

"And she shouldn't wear big bulky earrings. Just delicate ones. And she mustn't load herself down with jewelry."

"That I can manage, Arch."

"And look here. It says the perfect date-girl shouldn't run after the boy."

Edna sank to her knees and lifted her eyes to heaven. "Thank you, Milling," she murmured reverently. "You have taught me how to be a new woman!"

Arch stared. "Are you pulling my leg?" he asked.

"Of course not, darling," Edna rose to her feet and once more took the folder from Arch. She inspected it carefully.

"Splendid," she murmured. "The back page certainly will be of incalculable service to the American labor movement. I am referring to that militant section of the folder entitled, THE VALUE OF A SMILE. Arch, let me read you Point Four of the AFL smile program. None are so rich they can get along without it, and none so poor but are richer for its benefits." Edna stopped and forced a tear into her eye. "That's so beautiful!" She sighed. "It opens an entire new path of struggle for the American working class."

"What are you suggesting?" asked Arch, rather suspiciously.

"Why think," said Edna, "of the millions that can be organized around the great new smile program! I can just see Paul P. Mulling now, marching up to the Wanamaker Management and demanding more smiles for the Wanamaker workers. After all, the folder says that a smile is rest to the weary, daylight to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and nature's best antidote for trouble."

"True," whispered Arch, reverently.

"You can see at a glance," continued Edna, "that a smile is the answer to any wage demand. And as for you, Arch, next time the rent comes due, don't pay the landlord. Just smile at him. And I'll wear delicate earrings."

"Communist!" snarled Arch.

## Whitney Museum Annual Exhibit

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great skill. Some of the most skillful are former Europeans like Bernman and Tanguy. But there are also well made and attractive paintings, in their various modes, by Stuempfig, Osver, Stamos, Sennhauser, Wheeler, MacIver. And the richness and complexity of the surface created by Margo, Tobey, De Kooning, Millman are indeed to be wondered at.

BUT, I CAN HEAR YOU saying, what of those who are not in despair, who do believe in something, who do not live focused on themselves? To be specific, where are those who understand clearly the errors of bourgeois society, who believe affirmatively in democracy, who have a positive program for the future? Are there none who have built strong hopes in the working class? What of them? This is a very good question, but the answer is not simple.

One facet of the answer is heart-warming. There are progressive artists represented, who make statements in their pictures which have a social import. Explicit progressive statements in the show itself are rare. Those that exist are criticisms of social wrongs—Gwathmey's *Sowing*, Grumbaum's *Greek Landscape*, painted well in the style of Ben Shahn, Levine's *Act of Legislation*. But there are also some with more neutral subjects, which nevertheless deal with people's lives and imply a belief in human values, by Refregier, Malcarth, Lasker, Evergood, and Weihs. Some of these pictures are among the strongest and best in the show.

Some place in a rather personal middle ground are Herman Rose's lovely little construction, *Skyline, New York*, and David Aronson's beautiful painting of a rather mystifying variation of Christ before Pilate. Anthony Toney has a great deal to say in *The Monster*, but



ANTON REFREGIER

his highly personal modernist form makes it difficult to understand. In Alton Picken's powerful *The Carnival*, the allegorical program is even more difficult to understand.

HOWEVER, even these works form a small minority. The question occurs to what extent this is due to personal selection, in this exhibit which is chosen by one man. The answer seems to be "somewhat." Of the work of Ben Shahn, our strongest social-realist, for example, the most neutral and abstruse picture was chosen of the work exhibited in the Downtown Gallery recently. A number of former Whitney standbys of American Scene persuasion were omitted. But the trend indicated seems to be only too correct. It is evidenced in the number of artists represented in the exhibit who have shifted from American Scene painting or social realism to the now fashionable modes—Siporin, Millman, Gagliardi, Spruce, Ruelan, Levi, Fiene. It is evidenced

### Today's Films:

## Fine Acting, Witty Dialogue Make 'Adam's Rib' Hilarious

By Jose Yglesias

A GROUP of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's most expert comedians are creating some hilarious moments in *Adam's Rib*, the Capitol's new Christmas offering. From a screen play by Garson Kanin and

**ADAM'S RIB.** Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. Produced by Lawrence Weingarten. Directed by George Cukor. Screen play by Ruth Gordon and Garson Kanin. With Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn, Judy Holliday, Tom Ewell, David Wayne, Jean Hagen. At the Capitol.



JUDY HOLLIDAY

Ruth Gordon, the movie is the kind of sophisticated, literate comedy seldom attempted in Hollywood. Highly entertaining as it is, we have two reservations about it: it takes a very serious subject—women's rights and male supremacy—to be funny about, and George Cukor, its director, shows little imagination in filming it as if it were a stage play.

Miss Gordon and Mr. Kanin have taken one of those moneyed, successful, liberal couples so well known in Broadway comedies and pretended this time that they are successful lawyers. The husband is an assistant district attorney, the wife has a private practice. But the wife, quite rightly, is very concerned about women's rights

and takes on the legal defense of a young wife being prosecuted by the husband. The girl has unsuccessfully taken a shot at her husband and his mistress.

Having brought up this problem *Adam's Rib* disposes of it as slickly as it raised it. The husband is convinced of his wife's arguments against male supremacy as it is practiced legally, but he is trying to convince her only that no one has a right to commit murder. At the end the movie has left everything as it has found it; it has only extracted some very funny moments from the details of the conflict.

WHAT MAKES *Adam's Rib* so unusually funny is its witty dialogue and the light comic tone maintained so perfectly in the per-

formances of Katharine Hepburn, Spencer Tracy, Judy Holliday, Tom Ewell and David Wayne. They are all masters of delivery, timing and conflicted facial expressions. Judy Holliday adds to these purely technical gifts an acting technique that searches always for a character reason for these outward gestures, so that her comic realism has the effect, in Broadway parlance, of stealing the show.

Occasionally the situations do not depend solely on witticisms or the actors to be funny. There is, for example, the moment in the trial when Miss Hepburn parades a group of professional women, from acrobats to scientists, to give a practical demonstration to the court of the equal abilities of women. Or a party at the home of the principals when they bore their guests with home movies of the tow on their Connecticut farm.

Cole Porter has written a song, "Farewell, Amanda," for the movie which is intended as an inane parody of a popular song but which we wouldn't be surprised if it turned up on the hit parade one of these days. *Adam's Rib*, however, suffers from the direction of George Cukor. He has let the script have its stagey way and filmed it as a many set play, often simply framing a room in the camera's lens and letting it remain stationary.

## What Happens When Scottish Island Runs Out of Whiskey

TIGHT LITTLE ISLAND, the new English movie at the 60th St. Trans Lux, is a charming and disarming little comedy depending for its humor on a synthetic folk quality which the English movie makers have discovered goes a

long way toward making a superficial situation seem real. Filmed on one of the islands of the Hebrides, it gains a great deal from the beauty of setting, excellently photographed, and from the unvarnished appearance of its people and the lilt of their Scottish speech.

The movie has only one comic situation to trade on, one that it would appear would wear too thin for a full length movie. But it has been overcome by a lot of excellent

from getting to the ship and, later, to make them give up the liquor. How the islanders foil this plot and advance theirs is the source of a great deal of laughter.

Tight Little Island has squeezed in many sub-plots. The major ones are the two daughters of the postmaster, one of the men most saddened by the island's dryness, who are being courted by a sergeant on leave and by a young native tyrannized by his mother. The postmaster is too saddened to care what his daughters do and the young native is locked up by his mother who does not want him to marry. The whiskey solves everything.

Not only is the light of life brought back to the faces of the old men who are the pub's best customers, but the young man, after two drinks, finds it possible to make his mother acknowledge his manhood. As the island's doctor says, "It's a well known fact some men are born two drinks below normal." Only the stodgy army captain is frustrated by the whole experience. J. Y.

**TIGHT LITTLE ISLAND.** Universal-International. A. J. Arthur Rank Presentation. Produced by Michael Balcon. Directed by Alexander Mackendrick. From a novel by Compton MacKenzie. Screen play by Compton MacKenzie and Angus Macphail. With Basil Redford, Bruce Seton, Joan Greenwood, Wylie Watson, Gordon Jackson. At the 60th Street Trans-Lux.

detail and small plot complications. The island of Today is inhabited by a rugged population which is considerably saddened during the war to find out that their liquor supply has run out. Resigned and dismayed the pub customers go down to the quay every time the boat from the mainland comes in, always to be disappointed.

The movie concerns itself with the weekend when a ship carrying a cargo of 50,000 cases of scotch is wrecked off the island. Immediately the island is galvanized into action. The men wait for the split second when the sabbath is over to sail to the ship and rescue some of its precious cargo before it sinks.

THERE ARE MANY problems they have to solve, however. Basil Redford, as a typically dense and bureaucratic army captain in charge of the island's home guard, is their major obstacle. He feels it is his duty to keep the islanders

also in a strong gravitation even of those who continue to say positive things in the direction of estheticism, a fear of making bold and forthright esthetic statements, a tendency to go along with the guys, to prove "artistic" too, not just a vulgar democrat, by clothing vigorous ideas in chic esthetic forms, by using formal gimmicks. There is not an artist, whom we mentioned proudly enough in the paragraph above, who is not so affected.

WE SHOULD LIKE to point out that the content of these works tends to become dissipated, weakened, and obscured by over-emphasis on trick form, that a bold, positive, strong content is more logically expressed in bold, positive, strong forms, that the chic, the introverted, the abstruse, the esthetic, though they can make nice pictures of their kind, are of a kind that does not represent progressive thinking. They have sneaked in from the enemy camp of hopeless bourgeois intellectuals. We're not hopeless. We're full of hope. We have great things to say, and must say them boldly. Why should we hide behind an esthetic nuance?

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## In This Corner...

By Bill Mardo

### Tagging the Old Year Out

THE BANGS I GOT out of sports this year would fill a book, I guess, and so too would any chronicaling of the stuff that soured in my stomach . . . there was enough of both to remind even the most starry eyed of romantics that sports, in addition to the kicks it gives you, is also big business with a capital big and you don't ever wanna forget that. . . And now if you don't mind my getting the jump on that guy who bugles a noise maker into your ear Saturday night to make the "old year" official, I'll just toot out on a few of the things that kinda stuck with me these past 12 months. . .

Ah, there's so much a guy remembers about the sports season '49. . . Bald Goston Rieff coming over from Belgium and showing us what for in the two- and three-mile runs at the Garden . . . his powerful legs biting into the banked boards like an automatic machine . . . the only time he loses is when one of his shoes falls off rounding the last turn. . .

Sure and there's that February night in the Garden when Willie Pep put on an exhibition of ring art that will live as long as fight fans think and talk about the brutal punch racket. . . On this night Pep almost makes you forget what a filthy thing professional prizefighting is as he wraps your heart up in his two skinny arms and stabs and darts and tricks and feints and cocks the right but throws the left and shows how in the hands of guys like him and Ray Robinson boxing becomes an art form. . .

Sure you know all that and yet you know what boxing is and even on this night you can see what "old age" means to a man of 26 when he is fighting for a living and all it takes to remind you is what happens to Pep's face as time begins running out on him in the late rounds and he just beats it to the wire. . . Two eyes clamped tight into big purple blobs that require stitching in the back room after it's all over and the ice bag he holds to his swollen mouth and when some damn fool of a writer wants to know did Sandy Saddler hurt him at any time Willie almost cries out, "Look what he did to my face!" . . .

You remember another little guy in the Garden a month later . . . Rene Herrerias of the San Francisco basketball team and how Rene sets the house on fire with the way he moves the big balloon and feints the big giants silly and walks all over the court like a little David using the game of basketball for a slingshot as he cuts Goliath down to size in the National Invitational. . .

What else, old year? . . . So many things . . . the New York Yankees crippled from the start and taking over the A.L. lead from the start . . . Tommy Henrich, just another guy from Mazon, Ohio, a quiet perfectionist taken for granted all those years, almost ignored under the shadow of the great DiMaggio . . . but DiMag is a crippled, hospital ridden ballplayer this season's start and the quiet of Henrich's greatness suddenly captivates the baseball world with its sensational clutch palyng . . . home runs that happen only in the ninth inning . . . catches made only up against the wall with enemy runners straining off base . . . whatever it takes in the way of Merriwell heroics the man Henrich does it, only now fans and writers have to sigh loudly about what a player this is . . . Henrich's not ignored anymore. . .

The time in June when DiMaggio returns to the Yankee lineup for the first time . . . a vitally crucial series against the threatening Red Sox . . . and in the next three days all Joe does is to explode four homeruns in an incredible return to action that only an incredible athlete, only Joe DiMaggio, could fashion. . .

But the injuries never let up on the Yanks . . . the race goes into the final two games between Boston and New York at the Stadium . . . DiMaggio, stricken with a virus infection, comes out of his bed some 20 pounds lighter, his face drawn and the baseball suit hanging on him like a bag . . . and the Stadium infield is choked with gifts on Joe's "Day" and no matter what this super athlete may or may not do to them on the ballfield an hour later in a game that means a few thousand bucks per man to every guy in the Boston lineup, the Red Sox applaud Joe with a sincerity and affection that comes only out of an awe and respect the journeyman athlete must feel for somebody in his own trade who is an artist . . . Joe's mother, a little gray-haired lady who walks onto the diamond during the ceremonies and like mothers the world over she gives her younger boy, Dominick, the first kiss as she wraps her arms around her boys . . . and big Joe smiles and holds his head high even though the choke is in his throat and you can see the wetness in his eyes all the way across the field. . .

Rookie Don Newcombe, a young Negro pitcher destined to earn all the "official" glory his friend Satchel Paige was denied for all the years a man was kept out of major league baseball because the men who won this game kept the sign of the burning cross lit high and this is a scar which hasn't yet fully lifted from the face of what we call our "National" Pastice. . . But Newcombe does many things in his first year of major league ball to make the jimcrawlers miserable . . . racking up a streak of scoreless innings midway through the season that was a joy to behold . . . the night he toyed with the power-packed Giants at the Polo Grounds . . . the big ones he'd win at St. Louis every time the Dodgers were beginning to feel they just couldn't get a break against the Cards . . . the St. Loo collapse in the last week of the season after having sewed up the flag. . .

And one thing you'll never forget . . . the Newcombe-Reynolds duel in the first game of the World Series . . . and the rookie blowing 'em past the Bronxites, holding them helpless with his whipping curve and blinding fastball until that moment in the ninth inning when the man Henrich hoists one into the rightfield

## PICK CCNY, REDMEN OVER UCLA, UTAH

By Bill Mardo

The holiday invasion continues in full swing at Madison Square Garden tonight as UCLA and Utah come in to do battle with CCNY and St. John's respectively. This is the first time City and UCLA are meeting in their long basketball history and it's quite

possible for the West Coasters to give Nat Holman's Beavers an interesting first look. The UCLans are a big experienced club and in George Stanich they have a 1949 All-Coast first team selection.

UCLA whipped Illinois on their way east and holds wins over Arizona Stat, San Diego, George Pepperdine and Santa Clara. But the San Francisco Dons did belt the Golden Staters with 13 points to spare.

UCLA's veteran starting five consists of the aforementioned Stanich, Alan Sawyer, Ralph Joeckel, Carl Kraushaar and Eddie Sheldrake. The team has considerable height, Sawyer is 6-5, Kraushaar 6-4½, Stanich and Joeckel 6-3. The reserves come big off the bench, too. But Stanich and Sawyer are the key men, the guys CCNY will have to hold down. The former is very fast and a good jumper. Sawyer is the floor director, sets up the plays and has an effective jump shot.

the loss to Oklahoma with a lopsided win over California last week, will start the usual Holman first platoon of Dambrot, Warner, Roman, Roth and Wittlin. Warner had the greatest night of his sensational soph season to date last week when he simply scintillated against Cal.

In the opener, it's an all new Utah team coach Vadal Peterson puts against mighty S. John's. Gone is Vern Gardner and six of the club's other leading scorers of last season. Glen Smith took over the great Gardner's center spot and has been averaging 13 points per game. He stands 6-4½ and the scouts say his style is reminiscent of another former Ute star, Arnie Ferrin.

Starting with Smith tonight are Dolan Condie, Bill Hutchinson, Glen Duggins and Jimmy Cleverly. The Utah bunch isn't a particularly tall unit. They won eight of their first 10 regular season contests, knocking off Southern Cal, Oregon U., Wyoming and Oregon State. But the real measure of their chances against the gifted Redmen cannot be determined without judging them off the game against St. Joseph's last night, which was played after this edition went to press.

For unbeaten St. John's, this is the first Garden showing since the brilliant performance against Frisco Thursday night. Frank McGuire's club really proved its mettle that night and shape up as one of the best in the nation, no questions asked. Calabrese, the improving Tully, big Zawoluk, McGuire and McMahon are, of course, tonight's starters, with the gifted soph Ronnie McGilvray due to see much action off the bench.

Our picks: St. John's and City.

## Perry Paces Backs On AAC All-Star

Automatic Otto Graham, the brilliant passer who made the Cleveland Browns one of the most powerful football teams in history, was honored yesterday as the only player to be chosen on the now-defunct All American Conference All-Star team during the four years of the league's existence.

The former Northwestern University sensation led the Browns to 52 victories against only four defeats and three ties during those Cleveland won both the seasonal crown and the playoff championship.

Graham was one of three Browns on the 1949 team selected by coaches, sports writers and sportscasters. The San Francisco forty-niners, second best team in the four years. On each occasion league over the four-year span, placed four, headed by Negro star fullback Joe Perry, who polled more votes than nayother back. Los Angeles, New York, Baltimore and Buffalo each placed one man on the team.

End Mac Speedie, chosen two previous years, and center Lou Saban were the other Browns on the first team. Besides Perry, San Francisco placed Frankie Albert, a passing specialist second only to Graham, end Al Beals and guard Visco Crgich (CQ).

The others named to the team were tackles Arnie Weinmeister of New York and Bob Reinhard of Los Angeles, guard Dick Berwegen of Baltimore and Chet Mutryn, Buffalo halfback.

Cleveland dominated the second team, placing end Dante Lavelli, tackle Lou Rymkus guard Bill Willis and fullback Marion Motley. The New York Yankees placed tackle Martin Ruby, guard Joe Signaigo and halfback Buddy Young.

Also on the second team were center John Rapacz and halfback Bob Hoernschmeyer of Chicago, end Al Baldwin of Buffalo, and Rookie halfback George Taliaferro of Los Angeles.

George Morris' World of Labor, a column reporting and interpreting the news in the labor movement, appears daily in the Daily Worker, and in the week-end Worker.

seats . . . but even that cannot destroy the wonder of young Newcombe's performance in his first year of big league baseball and his first game of his first major league World Series. . . To muse about this man's baseball future is to think of the Hubbells and the Deans and the Fellers . . . and you hope Newcombe breaks every pitching record in the books, not only for Newcombe, not only for Paige, but for all the Negro baseball players who had the doors slammed in their faces for 50 years, 50 seasons, 50 World Series. . .

You're running out of space now just like the year '49 is running out of minutes and you want to mention Marcel Cerdan and Dick Gonzales and Stan Musial and you want to wish the best of new seasons and new years to a lot of wonderful people and especially the "12" who fought the greatest fight of the year at Foley Square . . . and you want Johnny Gates particularly to know he's a constant source of inspiration and makes a writer on this paper proud to call him editor. . .

## OLMO HAS TO WIN HIS JOB

SUNBURY, O., Dec. 26.—Manager Billy Southworth of the Boston Braves said today that he probably would use Louis Olmo as a utility outfielder in event the hard hitting ex-Dodger doesn't win a regular starting berth.

Southworth, who is spending Christmas at his home here, said that the Braves purchased Olmo from the Brooklyn Dodgers to pack additional punch into their outfield. Olmo was acquired Saturday night for an undisclosed amount of cash and "several" farm players to be delivered to the Dodgers.

"I need additional strength in the outfield and I think Olmo can give it to us," Southworth said. "He's a good hitter and a fine outfielder."

But the Braves' manager said he was not sure whether Olmo, a right-handed hitter and thrower from Aricebo, Puerto Rico, who batted .308 for the Dodgers in occasional appearances late last year, would get a regular starting berth.

"With Jethroe, Marshall and Gordon out there, I don't know whether Olmo will get a regular job, but he'd make me a dandy utility outfielder," Southworth said.

"Of course, the job will be thrown open and the best man will get them," he added.

## Fighter of the Year



EZZARD CHARLES

## BEARS READY

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 26.—Coach Lynn (Pappy) Waldorf of the Rose Bowl Bears at California promises "something a little different" for the Ohio State foes in the Jan. 2 Pasadena classic.

"There'll be a change or two in our defensive plans, and we'll add a few new plays and patterns," said Pappy, "but mainly we'll stick to the same style of play that carried us through the season undefeated."